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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Elian Gonzalez raid: A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit claiming federal agents used excessive force in an armed raid to seize Elian Gonzalez at the home of his Miami relatives four years ago.

An order issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke concluded the six agents who conducted the raid were legally immune to the lawsuit, and she found no constitutional violations.

Columbine parents: The parents of Columbine High School gunman Eric Harris are selling the house where the teen and his friend stored guns and bombs and videotaped themselves hatching plans for their deadly rampage.

Two Colorado real estate agents whose families were affected by the 1999 school shooting will not be allowed to show the property. Both men have criticized Wayne and Kathy Harris for not doing more to stop their son's deadly plan.

One of the banned agents, Rick Petrone, said he would like to see the house, referring to it as the "scene of a crime."

Petrone's stepson, Danny Rohrbaugh, was one of the 12 students killed by Harris and Dylan Klebold, who also killed a teacher before taking their own lives.

New York mosque leaders: Two upstate New York mosque leaders accused of supporting terrorism were released on bail Wednesday, one day after a federal judge reversed his initial decision to keep them behind bars.

Magistrate David Homer on Tuesday set bail at \$250,000 bond for both Yassin Muhiddin Aref and Mohammed Mosharref Hosain after concluding the men were not as dangerous as prosecutors first claimed.

Homer denied the men bail two weeks ago. But he cited a translation error in a key piece of evidence and an apparently weaker government case in his decision to set bail Tuesday.

Charles Manson follower: Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten was denied parole for a 15th time Wednesday, just over 35 years after the notorious Tate-LaBianca murders.

"She was denied for an additional two years and the board ordered a new psychological evaluation for the next hearing," said Board of Prison Terms spokesman Bill Sessa.

Oregon same-sex marriages: An Oregon



Under construction: Workers build a house in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Efrat, south of Jerusalem. Meanwhile, on Thursday, Palestinians said Israeli forces were operating in the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border, destroying houses. The Israeli military said an operation was underway against the "terrorist infrastructure" in the camp, and two abandoned structures used by militants to fire mortars and guns were destroyed.

county that stopped issuing marriage licenses until a court could decide whether gay marriage was legal has been told to again offer them to couples.

Senior Judge Wayne R. Harris ordered Benton County on Wednesday to resume issuing the licenses, saying officials had failed to provide a service. Although his order didn't specifically mention same-sex couples, officials expect licenses only will be given to marriages between a man and a woman.

The county stopped issuing licenses in April.

Kennedy Smith assault charge: A woman claims in a lawsuit that William Kennedy Smith, a member of the prominent Kennedy family, sexually assaulted her in 1999, and her lawyer said Thursday that she did not come forward at the time because she was intimidated by his wealth and connections.

Smith, a nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and cleared of rape charges in 1991, said his family and personal history made him a target for "outrageous" allegations. And the woman herself acknowledged having had a relationship with Smith some months after the alleged assault.

Business

Enron financial records: Newly released audiotapes and financial records show that Enron Corp. profited from emergency Northwest hydropower sent to California during the summer of 2000 by selling some of the energy to the Southwest.

The Aug. 4, 2000, conversation between Enron trader Tim Belden and Rick Shapiro, an Enron executive, began with Belden chuckling as he noted it was hot in California "and they don't have enough power. And they kill fish in the Northwest so that people in California can go enjoy themselves at a baseball game."

World

Asian bird flu: Chinese officials tried Thursday to deflect possible criticism of their decision not to publicize their discovery of the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain in pigs last year, calling them isolated cases that weren't a threat to humans.

The pigs carried a flu strain found in ducks rather than a new strain that might be more dangerous to people, said Jia Youling, China's chief veterinary official. He said the pigs weren't considered sick and were quickly isolated.

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So long, Sasebo



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The Arleigh-Burke class destroyer USS Howard departs Sasebo Harbor on Wednesday following a port call at Sasebo Naval Base that began last Saturday. Also participating in the port call were the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis and the replenishment ship USNS Rainier. All three ships left Sasebo on Wednesday.

USFJ commander defends U.S. response to, probe of helo crash

BY JULIANA GITTLER
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Thomas C. Waskow told media Thursday that the United States did everything it should in the investigation of a recent helicopter crash and reiterated the importance of strong security cooperation between the United States and Japan.

Much of Waskow's speech at the Japan National Press Club focused on the Aug. 13 crash on Okinawa of a U.S. Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter that clipped a university building during an emergency landing.

Okinawan officials have criticized U.S. forces for excluding them from the investigation and closing off the crash site; media reports on the island also speculated several coversups by U.S. personnel.

Waskow said U.S. forces did what they were supposed to when they sealed the crash site, to safeguard the safety of civilians nearby and the overall investigation.

"Our response was conducted precisely within the confines of the agreements we have with the government of Japan and our own internal military guidance," he said. "Despite some press reporting to the contrary, I would like to assure you that the U.S. has cooperated totally with local authorities throughout the entire process."

After an accident, the military conducts an immediate safety inspection to determine a cause, he said, followed by a detailed investigation into all other possible factors.

On Okinawa, Marine Corps leaders determined the crash was caused by a faulty part, and they briefly grounded all helicopters. After the investigation determined the defect was restricted to the individual aircraft, other helicopters resumed flights.

Sea Stallions were grounded until the Department of Defense deployed some of them to Iraq, the rest remain grounded until the investigation is complete.

Waskow said investigators will give Japan a full report on the ac-

U.S., Japan to resume talks on realignment of troops

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

The United States and Japan were set for another round of bilateral discussions Friday in Washington over several issues linked to the Defense Department's Global Posture Review, officials said.

The session is a resumption of talks the two sides have staged in the past 18 months, when both have exchanged ideas about the potential reorganization and realignment of U.S. forces in Japan, said Air Force Col. Victor Warzinski, U.S. Forces Japan spokesman. He declined to offer specifics.

Japanese media have speculated on scenarios involving shifting various U.S. troop concentrations at U.S. military facilities throughout Japan, including Okinawa.

"A number of things have been out there," Warzinski said. "Some are true but most are not. This is just a continuation in the series of discussions we've been having with the Japanese government over the last year and a half. It's a part of the process in the ongoing effort to restructure and realign our forces to make them more efficient and more effective."

Friday's talks in Washington were scheduled to include Kazuki Ihara, director general of the Japan Defense Agency's Defense Policy Bureau, and Shin Ebiha, director general of the Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau. Warzinski said. Senior U.S. leaders also planned to take part, he said.

The two nations planned to discuss President Bush's intent to reshuffle U.S. forces globally, he added, including a plan announced earlier this month to withdraw about 60,000 to 70,000 troops from Asia and Europe over the next 10 years.

"The U.S. military is in a posture review, and the president made the announcement about realigning our forces to enable more effective military operations in the future," Warzinski said. "But we are committed to the defense of Japan. We want to work more closely together and preserve our security alliance in this part of the world."

Senior U.S. administration officials have stated that U.S. forces in Japan aren't likely to be significantly reduced under the realignment proposal.

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cident after the investigation closes. The detailed investigation should take about 30 days.

The general said he hoped to dispel some rumors surrounding the crash. He categorically denied reports that the helicopter was carrying depleted uranium or that any substance, including oil-contaminated soil, was thrown into the sea.

Waskow, who heads a command of 58,000 servicemen in Japan, also discussed the transformation of the U.S. military. He said as the United States transforms its force posture, some

change is likely in Japan. But changes will require approval by both nations and will support the best interests of both.

Waskow said leaders of both nations have been discussing changes for a year and a half. "Taken together in all its strength and vitality, the Japan-U.S. security relationship is the centerpiece of our security architecture in the Pacific region," he said. "The U.S. is in no way changing its commitment to the defense of Japan or any of our friends and allies around the world."

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Proof of parking soon due for some Okinawa personnel

Policy affects primarily new residents living 2K from base

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
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Starting Wednesday, some SOFA personnel who live off base will have to prove they have parking, and pay parking certificate fees, U.S. officials said at a meeting Wednesday between U.S. and Okinawan officials.

The new rule will apply to new island residents, or people who buy vehicles after Wednesday, who live more than 2 kilometers (about 1.25 miles) off base. Most of those with SOFA status now living off base will not be required to obtain the paperwork, said Capt. Bernie Hess, Marine deputy provost marshal.

It also applies to individuals who move off base outside the radius or who already live outside the radius and buy a vehicle.

The Wednesday meeting was to arrange how the paperwork involved would be handled; the officials and housing agency representatives agreed the agencies should perform that function.

Still involved, however, is a larger disagreement about whether SOFA personnel living near or on a base must prove they've got parking and pay the fees. That issue remains under discussion between U.S. Forces Japan and the government of Japan, said Ft. Jimenez, 18th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

Military officials met with Okinawa Prefectural Police and various housing agencies to determine how best to implement a new requirement for some off-base residents to prove they have assigned parking.

The Okinawan officials initially objected all with SOFA status, and living off base, must buy a parking certificate and parking permit sticker — both requirements for most Japanese citizens — which can be obtained without a parking space. The certificate is approximately 2,200 yen (about \$20); the permit sticker is \$50 yen (about \$5).

But Jimenez said USFJ and the government of Japan have agreed that only military members who live more than 2 kilometers from an installation have to purchase the certification and sticker.

In most areas, Hess said, motorcycles and light-mini-cars are ex-

empt from the fees. Hess suggested checking with local police or a housing agency, as different areas' requirements vary. Not all towns, villages and cities on Okinawa require the parking documents.

At Wednesday's meeting, military officials also discussed with the housing agencies and police representatives how the process would be handled.

Jimenez said the housing agencies agreed they would pick up the forms and help SOFA personnel fill them out. Renters then would pay their housing agencies the fees and the agencies would turn in the forms and fees to the appropriate government agencies.

"We're trying to make this one-stop shopping," Jimenez said. "We're trying to be proactive and take care of the SOFA personnel. The housing agencies are very much on board."

One representative of the Japan-U.S. Housing Association who attended the meeting said he thinks SOFA members having to show proof of parking is unnecessary. "The reality is that every house and apartment in the SOFA member lives in must be equipped with an adequate parking space," he said, saying military housing offices require rentals have at least one auto parking space.

Kantoku Teruya, a Social Democratic Party member of Japan's House of Representatives, filed a complaint with the Okinawa Prefectural Police in May against SOFA members on Okinawa who own vehicles with Y-plates. He argued that owning vehicles without obtaining certificates proving the owner has adequate parking violates Japan's Traffic Control Law. The police later rejected Teruya's claim.

Jimenez said USFJ and the Japanese government now are discussing whether SOFA personnel living within 2 kilometers of a base, and those living on base, also must buy the parking certificate and sticker. He said it's unclear when, or if, that decision will be made. U.S. military officials argued that living on a base should, in itself, serve as proof a vehicle owner has adequate parking.

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Clarification

In Friday's edition, the headline accompanying an analysis of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's leadership of the Pentagon since the war in Iraq began was misleading. It referred to a story on Iraq prison abuse that didn't appear in yesterday's edition.

S. Korea seeks flexibility on troop pullout

Foreign minister expecting 'satisfactory result' from talks on reduction timeline

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

South Korea's foreign minister, in Thailand for regional talks, said he was optimistic that both the United States and South Korea would be "flexible" on a U.S. troop reduction proposal.

Ban Ki-moon, speaking to a group of Korean correspondents covering the Bangkok meetings, said he expected a "satisfactory result" to negotiations over the timing of any reduction.

U.S. officials said in June they wanted to remove 12,500 of the some 38,000 servicemen assigned to the Korean Peninsula. Pentagon officials said they wanted the process to be completed by the end of 2005. South Korean officials want any reduction delayed by at least one year beyond that time frame.

The troop reduction has become the focus of the ongoing Future of the Alliance Talks, which likely will enter their 12th round next month.

At the most recent round of meetings,

which wrapped up Aug. 26 in Seoul, the only firm agreement reached was to include in the reduction the 3,600 2nd Infantry Division troops now on a one-year deployment to Iraq.

According to Ban, South Korea's government asked the U.S. military to tailor its reduction plans to South Korea's ongoing move to increase its own defense capabilities.

American negotiators, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Lawless, responded to this request as "understandable," Ban told reporters.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun has proposed a 10-year plan to build up a military capable of being a stand-alone deterrent to North Korea or any other potential adversary. With the troop reduction on the table, U.S. officials have pointed to an \$11 billion, three-year initiative to field more advanced weaponry and technology.

The next round of FOTA talks likely would be scheduled for late September in Washington, D.C., officials said.

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New Army Pacific head

Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III became the new U.S. Army Pacific commander Wednesday, replacing Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg in a change-of-command ceremony at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, according to a news release.

Brandenburg had served as acting commander of U.S. Army Pacific. Brown is former commander of U.S. Army Alaska.

He enlisted in the Army as an infantryman in 1969 and became an officer after completing Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1971. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from West Georgia College and a master's in industrial management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He's a graduate of the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course, Army Command and General Staff College and National War College.

Guam water woes

Guam's governor and local leaders met with Navy officials Thursday to discuss solutions to the island's water problems.

Gov. Felix Camacho met with Rear Adm. Arthur Johnson, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, to brainstorm ideas to improve water purification.

Sediment-packed storm water from the recent Typhoon Chaba, which hit the island, overwhelmed treatment facility filters, forcing residents to boil water for safety, a government news release stated.

The island normally receives some of its water from the Navy's treatment plant, also suffering from sediment overload.

Don't drive with cells

Motorists using cell phones while driving in Japan will be fined as of Nov. 1, the Japanese government decided Tuesday.

Now such motorists are to be fined 5,000 yen (about \$46) if driving a small motorcycle, 6,000 yen (about \$55) if driving a car and 7,000 yen (about \$64) if driving a large-size vehicle such as a truck or bus. Violators who refuse to pay the ticket may be fined up to 50,000 yen (about \$456).

Missile exercise planned

The U.S. Navy and Royal Thai navy are set to take part in a week-long missile exercise near Guam beginning Sunday, according to a Commander, Naval Forces Marianas news release.

The training session, slated to end Sept. 5, provides the Royal Thai navy and U.S. Navy an opportunity to showcase their numerous levels of military cooperation, officials said.

The Royal Thai navy, which will be firing an air-to-surface missile for the first time ever, plans to launch an AGM-84 Harpoon onto a Fokker 27 aircraft and launch it at a carefully chosen target in a military training area south of Guam. The U.S. Navy will help coordinate the drill.

More breakfast time

The Samurai Café is extending its breakfast hours until 8:30 a.m. on the days a 5K or 10K run is scheduled so participants can grab a hot meal afterward, 374th Services Division officials announced.

The policy will be initiated for

the Labor Day Holiday 10K run on Sept. 3.

Contact Samuel Sansone at DSN 225-8870 for more information.

Golf tourney on tap

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Tama Hills Golf Course's base and club championship tournament is set for Sept. 4-6.

The Labor Day weekend event is open to all Yokota personnel, including Japanese nationals, 374th Services Division officials said. The tournament has a spot for players of all skill levels.

The \$65 entry fee includes green fees and cart for all three days, two lunches and a banquet at the Tee House Restaurant. Registration is under way at Tama Hills Golf Course and the Par 3 at Yokota. Two United Airlines tickets to the United States and a 60-inch television are among the prizes.

Call DSN 224-3426 for more information.

Master's programs

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The University of Phoenix will offer two master's programs this fall, officials announced.

Students now may pursue Master of Management and Master of Elementary Education degrees. Call DSN 225-2496 for more information.

Inagi festival set

The 24th annual Inagi Festival is to take place from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday at the Tama Hills Recreation Center.

The event will feature musical performances by Pacific Trends and several Japanese bands.

Call 042-377-2121 or DSN 225-7338 for more information.

From staff reports

A peek at a pod



VAL GEMPS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Senior Airman Edward Youmans, an electronic countermeasures technician from the 8th Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea, inspects the heat exchanger of an ALQ-184 ECM pod. The 18-person ECM section maintains and makes necessary repairs on pods used by F-16 aircraft to defeat sophisticated anti-aircraft defense systems.

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Report faults intel unit in Iraq prison abuse

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty-seven people attached to an intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad either approved or participated in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, an Army investigation found.

"We discovered serious misconduct and a loss of moral values," Gen. Paul Kern, the head of the investigation, told reporters Wednesday at the Pentagon.

Of the 27 individuals accused of complicity in the abuse, 23 were members of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade that oversaw interrogations at Abu Ghraib. The other four were civilian contractors working for the unit.

Six more soldiers in the unit, and two additional contractors, witnessed the abuse but failed to report it, which also violates

regulations, Kern said. All of these people may face charges or disciplinary action for abuses that occurred between late July 2003 and early February 2004.

Investigators recommended that an additional five people, including Col. Thomas Pappas, the commander of the 205th, face possible disciplinary action, Army officials said. While these individuals did not take part in abuses, they contributed to the conditions that allowed them to take place, officials said.

"There is no single, simple explanation for why the abuse at Abu Ghraib happened," according to the Fay report. One of the senior investigators was Maj. Gen. George Fay.

The report blames the abuses on several factors: "misconduct (ranging from inhumane to sadistic) by a small group of morally corrupt soldiers and civilians, a lack of

discipline on the part of leaders and soldiers," and a "failure or lack of leadership" by higher command in Iraq.

The report distinguishes between the abuse depicted in many of the now-famous photographs from the prison, which the military says was committed by a small group of guards and others, and abuses committed during interrogations.

Seven members of the 800th Military Police Brigade, which supplied the guards at the prison, have been charged in connection with the abuses seen in the photos.

The report said investigators discovered three more MPs who took part in abuses, and one more who knew of the mistreatment and did not report it. It also noted that two medics knew of the abuses but did not report them.

About two-thirds of the abuses during interrogations were committed by soldiers

who wrongly believed they were using approved techniques or were unclear about what techniques they could legally use, Army officials said.

Fay said that some of the mistreatment amounted to torture. Kern said the most horrific abuse investigators discovered involved military dog handlers using their dogs to try to frighten two Iraqi adolescents into involuntarily fouling themselves.

"This is clearly a deviation from everything we've taught people how to behave," Kern said. "There were failures of leadership, of people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline."

The report attributes some problems to the influence of officials with "other government agencies" — a term frequently used by the Pentagon for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Man torches Marine van after learning son died in Iraq

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Melinda Arredondo said she and her husband knew what was coming as three uniformed Marines approached their front door. While she started to cry, police say Carlos Arredondo simply snapped.

Distraught after being told his Marine son was killed in combat in Iraq, Carlos Arredondo climbed into the Marine Corps van parked outside his home and set it ablaze Wednesday, suffering severe burns to his arms and legs.

"My husband immediately knew that his firstborn son had been killed — and my husband did not take the news well," Melinda Arredondo said before police escorted her to the hospital.

"It doesn't surprise me that he was so traumatized. He went crazy," she said.

The three Marines went to the house to tell the father and stepmother of Lance Pfc. Alexander Arredondo that their 20-year-old son had died Tuesday in Najaf, family members said.

The father then walked into the garage, picked up a propane tank, a lighting device and a can of gasoline he used to douse the van, police Capt. Tony Rode said.

He smashed the van's window, got inside and set it ablaze, despite attempts by the Marines to stop him, Rode said.

The Marines, reservists who are members of a military Casualty Assistance Calls Officer team, pulled Arredondo, 44, from the burning vehicle and extinguished the flames on him, police said.



Melinda Arredondo, wife of Carlos Arredondo, explains how her husband injured himself after he was told that his son, Alexander, was killed in Iraq on Tuesday.

None of the Marines was injured but the van was gutted by the fire, Marines spokesman Maj. Scott Mack said.

"The father was in disbelief, same as any of us would be after hearing this kind of news," Rode said. "But then the father basically loses it. You can only imagine what this father was going through. He snapped, to say the least."

Arredondo was initially taken to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood with burns over as much as 50 percent of his body, emergency officials said.



Police and U.S. Marines stand near their burned van on Wednesday in Hollywood, Fla. Carlos Arredondo, 44, was severely burned when he set fire to the vehicle after he was told that his son, Pfc. Alexander Arredondo, had been killed in Iraq, police said.

He was later moved to the major burn unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, about 20 miles south of Hollywood.

He was listed in serious condition with severe burns to his arms and legs.

Melinda Arredondo told the Miami Herald that her husband, an immigrant from Costa Rica, was very proud of Alex serving, though he wished his service

would have been during a "more peaceful" time.

But Luz Marina Arredondo, Alexander's grandmother, felt the government was at fault for her grandson's death.

"I blame them a lot," she said. "They send them like guinea pigs over there."

Marine spokesman Capt. Patrick Kerr in New Orleans told the Herald that the incident was

"one tragedy on top of another tragedy."

"Our foremost concern is for the welfare of the father who was burned," Kerr said.

"We will do everything we can to help the family through this very difficult situation."

Rode said it was too early in the investigation to discuss possible charges against Arredondo.

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British police arrest cleric with possible terror ties

The Associated Press

LONDON — Police arrested radical cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri on suspicion of terrorism links Thursday, a move suggesting Britain intends to charge him, which could delay U.S. attempts to extradite him.

Al-Masri was already in British

custody after his May 27 arrest on the U.S. extradition warrant. Police said Thursday they were now arresting him "on suspicion of being involved in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism."

An American indictment accuses al-Masri of trying to establish a

terrorist training camp in Oregon, being involved in hostage-taking in Yemen and funding terrorism training in Afghanistan.

London's Metropolitan Police gave no details on what they suspected al-Masri of, but Britain's Press Association news agency

said the investigation centered on whether he provided support to terrorists in the form of recruitment, finances or logistics.

Investigators are examining whether the fiery sermons he gave when he was imam of the Finsbury Park mosque in north London might have encouraged others to commit terrorist acts.

Top Iraq cleric brokers Najaf peace deal

Plan calls for 2 weapons-free cities; mortar barrage kills 27 at mosque

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN
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The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed Thursday to a peace deal presented by Iraq's top Shiite cleric, who brought his enormous authority to bear in an attempt to end three weeks of fighting in the holy city of Najaf, a top al-Sistani aide said.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most influential cleric among Iraq's Shiite majority, reached the deal in direct talks with al-Sadr in the evening, only hours after making a dramatic return to Najaf.

Aides have said that al-Sistani's peace plan calls for Najaf and Kufa to be declared weapons-free cities, for all foreign forces to withdraw from Najaf and leave security to the police, and for the government to compensate those harmed by the fighting.

"Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr agreed to the initiative of his eminence al-Sistani," said Hamed al-Khafaf, a top al-Sistani aide. "You will hear good news soon from the government and Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr."

"It's the same initiative that we had proposed ... almost the same initiative has been agreed upon," al-Khafaf said.

Thousands of Iraqis had flocked to Najaf in answer to al-Sistani's call Wednesday for a peace march, but the Iraqi government's police did not let them enter the holy city.

Late Thursday, al-Sistani asked the government to allow them in to visit the Imam Ali Shrine compound provided they leave by 10 a.m. Friday, al-Khafaf said. Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia is holding the shrine and has used it

as a stronghold since fighting with U.S. forces began on Aug. 5.

U.S. and Iraqi troops and al-Sadr fighters called a cease-fire after al-Sistani's arrival — but the bloodshed that has torn apart the holy city continued right up until the grand ayatollah entered Najaf.

More than 90 people were killed in the preceding 24 hours, according to the Health Ministry — including 27 people killed when mortars hit the main mosque in nearby Kufa, where thousands had gathered in preparation to march to Najaf in support of al-Sistani.

The U.S. military and Iraqi government have backed al-Sistani's peace mission, but they have not said whether they would agree to his proposal's provisions.

Al-Sadr has agreed to peace deals at least twice previously, but the agreements have fallen apart and fighting resumed.

But all sides appear to be hoping the immense authority of al-Sistani can keep a deal together. The 75-year-old al-Sistani, who has long refused to intervene directly in the standoff between al-Sadr and U.S. troops, has much wider support among Iraq's Shites than al-Sadr, a much younger and lower-ranking cleric.

Al-Sistani was in London for medical treatment for most of the time since the fighting broke out Aug. 5. As he returned to Iraq, he called on his followers to march on Najaf for peace.

Al-Sistani arrived Thursday in a 30-vehicle convoy that drove in from Basra, cheered by thousands of supporters in towns along the way. Heading al-Sistani's calls, thousands more came from their hometowns to Najaf

and gathered on its outskirts.

Thousands of Shites had gathered at the mosque in Kufa, an al-Sadr stronghold, to march to Najaf when the mortar rounds hit — one inside the mosque compound and around two others at

the main gate, according to witnesses.

"This is a criminal act. We just wanted to launch a peaceful demonstration," said Hani Hashem, bringing an injured friend to the hospital.

The blasts killed 27 people and wounded 63, according to Mohammed Abdul Kadhim, an official at Furat al-Awsat hospital in Kufa.

Outside the hospital's gate, crowds of angry people gathered, shouting "God is great!"

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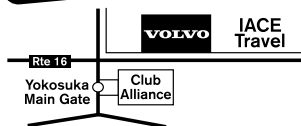
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Bush seeks McCain's help against attack ads

President may pursue court action, legislation after call to condemn anti-Kerry commercial

The Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico — President Bush wants to work with Republican Sen. John McCain to go to court against political ads by "shadowy" outside groups, the White House said Thursday amid growing pressure on the president to denounce attacks on Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry's war record.

"We want to pursue court action," Bush spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters aboard the presidential jet en route to New Mexico. "The president said if the court action doesn't work, that he would be willing to pursue legislative action with Sen. McCain on that."

McClellan did not say when any of those steps would be taken.

Election Day is Nov. 2. Meanwhile, Kerry challenged Bush on Thursday to weekly debates from now until Nov. 2 on campaign issues such as education, health care and national security.

Kerry issued the challenge while speaking about health care at Anoka Technical College in Anoka, Minn., fielding questions from a group of more than 200 people.

The Bush-Cheney campaign rebutted the debate challenge.

"There will be a time for debates after the convention, and during the next few weeks, John Kerry should take the time to finish the debates with himself," responded Bush-Cheney spokesman Steve Schmidt.

The debate over Kerry's service in Vietnam has dominated the presidential race in recent weeks after the group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth aired ads questioning the Democratic nominee's decorated record.

McCain has called on Bush to condemn the anti-Kerry ads, even as the war hero popular with many independent voters is actively supporting Bush's re-election. The senator welcomed Bush's gesture.

Bush called McCain from Air Force One and the two had a brief discussion about the matter, McClellan said.

"I'm very appreciative of the president's effort to do that," McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I've said before I would like for the president to specifically condemn that ad, but the president has said John Kerry served honorably and also the president is now committed to acting to try to bring S27s into legislation that are appropriate."

The political groups are called

S27s after the paragraph in the campaign finance law authorizing them.

Bush has criticized all outside group attack ads, including the Swift Boat Veterans group's first commercial. He has said he wants the ads to stop, but has not explicitly condemned the charges made in the Swift Boat ad.

Responding to the White House statement, Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said, "This isn't an issue about S27 ads or campaign fi-

nance: It's a question of whether the commander in chief will denounce a group whose claims have been discredited by eyewitness accounts, official naval records and, in some cases, their own words."

McClellan said the goal is "to shut down all of this activity by these shadowy groups."

But the only complaint the Bush campaign and the Republicans have filed with the Federal Election Commission accused the Kerry campaign of illegally coordi-

nating millions of dollars worth of anti-Bush ads with Democratic-leaning soft-money groups, Bush-Cheney spokesman Scott Stanzel said.

The Kerry campaign filed its own complaint last week with the FEC, alleging that Swift Boat Veterans for Truth was illegally coordinating its efforts with the Bush-Cheney campaign.

All sides deny the allegations, and neither campaign has produced proof of coordination on the part of its rival.

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Angry relatives, crematory settle suit for \$80 million

BY ELIOTT C. McLAUGHLIN
The Associated Press

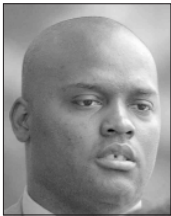
ROME, Ga. — An \$80 million settlement was reached Thursday in a lawsuit against the operators of a crematory where the remains of 334 people were found strewn across the grounds of the business.

The settlement was reached after a day of emotional testimony in the trial stemming from a lawsuit filed by nearly 1,700 people who allege their relatives' remains were mishandled by the

northwest Georgia crematory. U.S. District Court Judge Harold Murphy commended both sides for reaching the amicable agreement.

Ray Brent Marsh and the estate of his father were being sued 2½ years after the human remains that were supposed to be cremated were found at the Tri-State Crematory, which served Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

"Everybody, quite frankly, wanted to get it over," said defense attorney Frank Jenkins.



Ray Brent Marsh

"We want it over, we want healing, we want to go on with our lives and I think that's what made it possible."

Marsh, who faces 787 criminal charges in an October trial, declined to comment on the settlement, but his mother, Clara Marsh, in a joint statement with plaintiff's representative Carol Bechtel, said "Amen, thank the Lord. Thank the Lord."

The Marshes' insurance company, Georgia Farm Bureau, will have to pay the settlement, said Robert Darroch, an attorney for the family members. A call to the insurance company was not immediately returned.

As part of the settlement, the building on the crematory property will be removed and no other structures will be erected as to maintain a natural state where the remains were found.

Only a few family members were in court for the settlement announcement Thursday.

Federal judge rules 'partial-birth' ban is unconstitutional

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a highly anticipated ruling, a federal judge found the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional Thursday because it does not include a health exception.

U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey in Manhattan said the Supreme Court has made it clear that a law that prohibits the performance of a particular abortion procedure must include an exception to preserve a woman's life and health.

Casey issued the ruling two months after hearing closing arguments in the case.

A San Francisco judge already declared the 2003 law unconstitutional, and a judge in Lincoln, Neb., is still considering the question.

The three judges suspended the ban while they held the trials.

The law, signed in November, represented the first substantial federal legislation limiting a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Abortion rights activists said it conflicted with three decades of Supreme Court precedent.

It banned a procedure that is known to doctors as intact dilation and extraction, but is called "partial-birth abortion" by abortion foes.

During the procedure, the fetus is partially removed from the womb, and its skull is punctured or crushed.

The judge challenged the conclusion by Congress that there is no significant body of medical opinion that the procedure has safety advantages for women.

Casey said the congressional record itself undermined the finding because it included contradictory views, including nine medical associations which opposed the act because they believed the abortion procedure provides safety advantages for some women.

In the San Francisco ruling, issued June 1, U.S. District Judge said the act places an undue burden on a woman's right to choose.

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Official: Terrorism 'main theory' in crashes

Putin aide says planes' recorders didn't provide info

BY MARIA DANILOVA
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Suspicions grew Thursday that terrorists were to blame for the twin airline crashes, with a top official saying for the first time that terrorism was the main theory and many Russians insisting the double disaster couldn't be explained by mere coincidence.

Vladimir Yakovlev, the Russian president's envoy for the southern region, where one of the planes crashed, said the planes' extracted data recorders didn't provide the hoped-for answers. But the main theory "all the same remains terrorism," he told Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency.

Thursday was an official day of mourning for the 89 victims, with Russia's tricolor flag flown at half-staff and entertainment programs canceled. But security experts came no closer to pinpointing what caused the two south-bound planes to plummet into

empty fields Tuesday.

Officials had hoped that the so-called "black boxes" would provide the necessary clues, but Yakovlev told state-run First Channel's "24" recorders "turned off immediately" — an indication that whatever happened "happened very fast."

He said the recorders "had gone out of service already before the fall of the airliners," ITAR-Tass said.

Bombs, hijack attacks, bad fuel or human error — all theories, officially, are still open for investigation.

The planes — a Sibir Airlines Tu-154 with 46 aboard and a Tu-134 with 43 passengers and crew belonging to tiny Volga-Aviacrest airline — disappeared from radar almost simultaneously Tuesday. The Tu-134 was headed to the southern city of Volgograd and the other plane to the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where President Vladimir Putin had been vacationing.

Both had taken off from the sin-

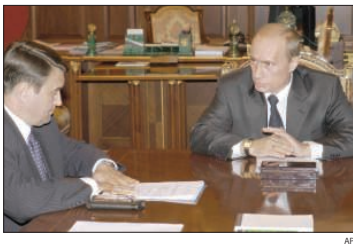
gle terminal at Moscow's newly renovated Domodedovo airport, the Tu-154 around 9:35 p.m. and the smaller Tu-134 about 40 minutes later.

Suspicions of terrorism were bolstered by the crashes taking place just five days before a Kremlin-called election in warring Chechnya, whose separatist rebels have been blamed in a series of suicide bombings in recent years.

Officials had earlier expressed concern that militants might try to carry out attacks ahead of Sunday's vote.

Additionally, Transport Minister Igor Levitin confirmed Sibir's claims that its crew had activated an emergency SOS signal shortly before the plane disappeared from radar screens. Visiting the site of the crash, he said, however, that details were slim because "no verbal confirmation from the crew was received," according to remarks aired on Russian television.

Officials have said there were no indications of trouble with the other plane, but witnesses on the ground reported hearing a series of explosions.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, speaks with Russian Transport Minister Igor Levitin, in the Kremlin in Moscow, Wednesday, Aug. 26 a day of mourning for the victims of the two plane crashes that occurred on Tuesday.

The Russian media also suggested links between the crashes and an explosion hours earlier Tuesday at a bus stop on a road leading to Domodedovo — suggesting, without any evidence, that it might have been an effort to distract attention. That explosion injured four people.

The newspaper Nezavisimaya

Gazeta said in a headline: "Russia now has a Sept. 11."

But despite the skepticism that technical failure or human error could bring down two planes at almost the same time hundreds of miles apart, there also was doubt about whether Russians could count on their government to tell the truth.

Report: Wife of N. Korean leader dies from cancer

BY ANTHONY FALOLA
AND JOHIE CHOI

The Washington Post

TOKYO — South Korean officials said Thursday that they have launched an investigation into reports that the woman considered to be North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's most influential wife had died after a long battle with breast cancer.

News that Ko Young Hee — idolized in North Korea as "the respected mother" of the nation — apparently succumbed to her illness was first reported Wednesday on the Web site of a leading South Korean investigative journalist for the Seoul-based Monthly Chosun magazine.

South Korea's government-owned KBS TV followed up Thursday with a similar report, citing unnamed diplomatic sources in Beijing.

The Japanese-born Ko, 52, has been viewed as the foremost of three women considered to be among Kim's wives or consorts — although it remains unclear whether he officially married any of them. Little is known about Ko, but details about her life were provided by U.S. and South Korean analysts who specialize in North Korea.

Ko is believed to have been suffering from breast cancer for several years and her imminent death has been widely anticipated. Intelligence circles following her return to North Korea

after a reported hospitalization in Paris in April. Officials in Seoul said they are still trying to confirm her death. Unconfirmed reports in the South Korean media indicated that the North Koreans have ordered from France a custom-built coffin for her body.

"We are now in the middle of investigating the issue" of her reported death, a South Korean intelligence source said Thursday.

Information related to the totalitarian Kim and his family is closely guarded in secretive North Korea, where the official press in Pyongyang remained mum on the reports.

Analysts say Ko's death, if confirmed, could have bearing on the selection of an eventual successor to the Kim dynasty. Kim, 62, inherited his post from his father, Kim Il Sung, following the death of North Korea's founder in 1994 in the first ever succession by bloodline in a communist nation. Now, intelligence officials believe one of Kim Jong Il's three sons — including two mothered by Ko — are in the running to succeed him.

In a country where Kim rules in part through claims of divinity, Ko herself became the subject of a glorification campaign beginning in the summer of 2002 and had been using her status and influence with Kim and the military to ensure that one of her sons — Kim Jong Chul, 23, and Kim Jong Woong, 19 — is picked

as successor. During the campaign to elevate Ko's stature, the North Korean military has been celebrating the former professional dancer with lofty slogans and songs. Any slight to her name is considered a high crime in North Korea.

The sources say Ko's sons are vying for the successor slot, with Kim Jong Il's eldest son, Kim Jong Nam, 33, whose mother, Sung Hae Rim, died in a Moscow hospital in 2002.

Some experts say that the campaign to deify her while she was still ill may signal that Kim has already settled on naming one of her two sons as the next leader of North Korea.

But others argue that her death may in fact help pave the way for Kim Jong Nam — who as eldest son would have priority as successor through Korean family tradition — to convince his father to anoint him. Ko, the daughter of a Korean immigrant in Japan, moved to North Korea in the 1960s and has been considered to be one of her husband's closest confidants. Analysts voiced some concern Thursday that her death may further disturb the reclusive North Korean leader at a critical time.

"Ko was an important person, and if it's true that she has died, there will be a serious danger of impact," said Osamu Eya, a Tokyo-based North Korean specialist. "But there won't be major changes. Kim Jong Il will continue to rule with an iron fist."

Philippines to drop murder charges against 185 militias

BY JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines plans to drop murder charges against 185 members of the country's largest Muslim separatist group, removing a major barrier to resuming peace talks, officials said Thursday.

The justice secretary has ordered prosecutors to drop charges against the guerrillas of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, who are accused of participating in two bomb attacks last year

which killed 38 people in the southern Philippines.

The MILF, which has waged a decades-old insurrection for Muslim self-rule in the south, has demanded that the charges be dropped as a condition for resuming peace talks. Talks have been held on and off since 1997.

The MILF's current chief Al Ha Mural, vice chairman Ghazali Jaafar and rebel spokesman Ed Kabulu — as well as the group's late leader Salamat Hashim — are among those who were charged and will now be cleared.

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Revelers paint town red at annual tomato war in Spain

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Knee-deep in red mush, tens of thousands of revelers pelted each other with tons of ripe tomatoes Wednesday in Spain's messiest summer party.

Police in the eastern village of Bunol — population 10,000 — said some 36,000 people waged the hourlong food fight, bathing themselves, the walls and streets with 140 tons of fruit projectiles.

Some warriors were shown on television literally swimming in the fresh tomato puree, only their heads peeking out of the sea of red pulp.

It all started with a pistol shot at high noon, after which six trucks unloaded fruit ammunition for Spaniards and tourists from as far away as Japan who had gathered for two hours to paste each other in the decades-old battle called "La Tomatina."

Residents preferring to watch from balconies — but get their licks in, too — poured water on the crowd.

Town hall set up 500 makeshift showers for the revelers to clean up. Others bathed in a river.

The festival, held every year on the last Wednesday of August, is said to have started in the 1940s when a clutch of youths began throwing their lunch at each other one day in a downtown square.

They met again the following year, this time pelting passers-by as well and giving birth to the now legendary food fight.



AP photos

Above: Crowds of people pick up tomatoes to throw at each other during the annual "Tomatina" tomato fight fiesta Wednesday in the village of Bunol, Spain. A reported 36,000 people took part, using up to 100 tons of ripe tomatoes. The annual tomato fiesta began in Bunol in 1944. Left: An unidentified man lies in a river of tomato juice.

China rejects Spanish bulls for bullfighting

The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — China will get its first bullfights in the next few months, complete with matadors from Spain, but the bulls will have to come from somewhere else, the government says.

Organizers of the bullfights, planned for China's National Day holidays in early October, had planned to airlift six bulls from Spain for the events.

But officials nixed that plan, citing Spain's listing by China as a country affected by mad-cow disease, state-run newspapers reported Thursday.

So the Spanish matadors will instead face bulls from Mexico or other countries, the Shanghai Daily cited Zhu Weifeng, the festival's organizer, as saying.

Zhu promised that the substitute bulls would be "as fierce as the Spanish ones," it said.

"The most important thing is the matadors' performance, not the bulls'," he said.

Three of Spain's top matadors have been invited to participate in the Spanish cultural festival to display the traditional bullfighting customs and "fight the bulls to death," the Shanghai Daily said.

The plan is something of a coup for Shanghai in its rivalry with the Chinese capital, Beijing.

Plans for bullfights in Beijing, which already had built what was billed as the biggest bullring in Asia, were scrapped after complaints that the event would be cruel to animals.

Promoters there now plan to use the ring for circuses and other animal performances, according to state media reports.

Trip to Shanghai toilet leads woman on journey

The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — A trip to a public toilet left 60-year-old Yao Jixiu lost in China's biggest city, but after two weeks of sleeping outdoors and traveling to the wrong city, the lady from a tiny village finally made her way home, state media reported Thursday.

Yao, from a small village in central China's Jiangxi province, traveled to Shanghai to visit her daughter. But the two

were separated Aug. 5 when the mother visited a public toilet at crowded People's Square, a vast plaza in the center of this city of 20 million, local newspapers reported.

Like millions of other elderly rural Chinese, Yao speaks a local dialect, not the standard Mandarin spoken as the national language.

And she is unable to read or write.

Lost and unable to communicate, Yao slept on the street and then made her way to the train station, planning to use

the \$4.80 she had in her pocket to buy a ticket home, the Shanghai Daily and Oriental Morning Post reported.

But the ticket seller, unable to understand her strong accent, sold her a ticket for nearby Nanjing, just a few hours away, instead of the far more distant Jiangxi provincial capital of Nanchang, the reports said.

After spending several nights sleeping in Nanjing's train station, Yao was befriended by a kind grocer, who con-

tacted police.

But police in Nanjing, unable to understand her, eventually sent her to a center for homeless migrants, the reports said.

There, Yao finally met up with a Jiangxi native who helped her communicate with the center's staff and contact her family, who had been searching for her for more than two weeks.

"Mother behaved very bravely. She never gave up, despite the communications barrier," her daughter, Yang Yuelan, told the Shanghai Daily.

Oldest panda raised in captivity, 33, dies

The Associated Press

BEIJING — The oldest panda raised in captivity has died at an eastern China zoo at the age of 33, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

Peipei died Aug. 13 of organ failure at a zoo in Hangzhou, a city southwest of Shanghai, the report said.

It said the panda's age was the equivalent of 100 years in human terms.

Giant pandas are generally found in temperate forests in central China.

Among the best recognized — but rarest — animals in the world, as few as 1,600 giant pandas survive in the mountain forests of central China.

Another 120 are in Chinese breeding facilities and zoos, and about 20 giant pandas live in zoos outside China, according to the Web site of the National Zoo in Washington.

Pandas are threatened by loss of habitat, poaching and a low reproduction rate. Females in the wild normally have a cub once every two to three years.



AP

The oldest panda raised in captivity, Peipei, has died at a zoo in eastern China at the age of 33, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

N. Korea heats up rhetoric with U.S.

BY BURT HERMAN
The Associated Press

PANMUNJOM, Korea — Despite the recent concessions at the world's last Cold War frontier, the North Korea's war of words with the United States has heated up — and is casting doubt on a resolution of the nuclear crisis on the divided peninsula before the November U.S. elections.

North Korea this week called President Bush a "political imbecile" after he referred to the North's leader Kim Jong Il as a "tyrant." It also compared the American leader to Adolf Hitler for launching wars in Iraq and elsewhere.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday the comments were "more bluster" and that the five countries in talks with Pyongyang on its nuclear program "are sending a clear message" that it should give up those ambitions in exchange for benefits dalliance by the international community.

North Korea is seeking energy aid, lifting of economic sanctions and removal from Washington's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

North Korea also has blasted Uchi Focus Lens, the joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises now in progress, with the state-run Rodong Sinmun newspaper commenting Wednesday that "the U.S. is performing dangerous rope-dancing which may drive the Korean peninsula into a war crisis in a moment."

There have been three rounds of nuclear talks — which include representatives from China, Japan, Russia and South Korea — but so far no breakthroughs. The



North Korean soldiers look at southern side at the border village of Panmunjom, north of Seoul, on Wednesday. North Korea lashed out earlier this week at President Bush and reaffirmed it won't attend preparatory meetings ahead of planned nuclear disarmament talks.

next meeting was set to take place by the end of September, but North Korea threw those plans into doubt last week by saying it won't attend working talks to prepare for the larger negotiations.

South Korea's main negotiator on the nuclear issue, Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck, conceded Thursday that no resolution to the issue was likely before the U.S. elections.

Many analysts believe the North has no interest in continuing negotiations with the Bush administration and is waiting for concessions it thinks it would get if his Democratic opponent, Sen. John Kerry, wins the November vote. The North has denied that it's stalling on the talks.

The United States wants North Korea to fully disclose its nuclear program and allow international inspections before granting any concessions.

Further increasing tension, the House angered Pyongyang last month when it passed the North Korean Human Rights Act, which provides \$124 million a year from 2005 to 2008 for humanitarian aid along with grants to promote democracy and increase the availability of information inside the isolated country. The bill is being considered by the Senate.

The intense diplomacy doesn't mean things have heated up at the DMZ, where billboards and speakers were removed in June

under an agreement for both sides to dismantle propaganda aimed at enticing the other side's soldiers to defect.

Now, the remaining speakers on the North Korean side are used to play music to workers there, said U.S. Army Capt. Ryan Roberts, personnel chief for troops in the Joint Security Area, or JSA — the only place on the border where North and South Korean troops stand nearly face-to-face.

Almost all the Americans stationed here are to withdraw by October, and will make up just 7 percent of the some 600 troops in the JSA. The move is part of planned reductions of U.S. forces across South Korea to about 24,500 from the previous 37,000.

4 die in India bus bombings

BY WASBIR HUSSAIN
The Associated Press

GAUHATI, India — Bombs ripped through two buses, killing four people and wounding 39 others, and a grenade blast injured seven more Thursday as separatist violence surged in India's northeastern Assam state, police said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, but police blamed rebels from the United Liberation Front of Assam.

Assam's top elected official, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi, said the rebels, who have been fighting security forces since 1979 for a sovereign Assam, are now "waging a war on civilians."

The first bomb went off when a bus stopped in the town of Gossaigaon to let passengers off, killing one person and injuring at least 33 others, Sharma said. It was hidden in an unclaimed piece of luggage.

All the injured were hospitalized and several were in critical condition, he said. Gossaigaon is 155 miles west of Gauhati.

Hours later, another bomb exploded near Satipara village, blowing up a bus carrying Border Security Force soldiers and their families. The bomb was planted under a culvert, Sharma said.

Two soldiers and a child were killed, and six others were wounded, Sharma said. The soldiers were traveling with their families on holiday, he said.

Satipara, which is 125 miles west of Gauhati, is a stronghold of ULFA militants.

Later Thursday, suspected ULFA rebels hurled a grenade at a crowded market in Tanga town, wounding seven civilians, two of them seriously, said Inspector General of Police Khagen Sharma.

The blast occurred 40 miles north of Gauhati, Assam's capital.

Thursday's bombings followed two other attacks this month.

On Wednesday, suspected rebels exploded a grenade outside a movie theater, wounding eight people in another town in Assam. One of them died in a hospital Thursday, police said.

On Aug. 15, India's Independence Day, a blast ripped through the grounds of a local college in Dhemajai, a remote town in Assam, where a parade was being held, killing 15 people.

Gogoi said although his earlier offer for peace talks with the rebels remains open, the government will "take firm action against the ULFA if it continues to spur violence."

Separatist, seven separatist militants belonging to different groups, including the ULFA, surrendered to police on Thursday, police officer Sharma said.

Controversial Japanese textbook OK'd

Educators approve use of nationalist history text that omits mention of wartime atrocities

BY KOZO MIZOGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — A history textbook under attack by critics for omitting Japanese wartime atrocities was approved by educators Thursday for use in a public secondary school in the capital.

Tokyo's six-member school board ruled the "New History Textbook" would be used by 160 students in a joint junior-high school opening in April, when the Japanese school year begins.

The school — Tokyo's first city-run, six-year secondary school — will be the first ordinary public school in Tokyo to use the textbook, said Tokyo city spokesman Yasuhiko Kiriyma.

The current academic year, 15 schools around the country, including two nursing schools in Tokyo, are using the books, Education Ministry spokesman Yoko Kuki said.

The "New History Textbook," penned by nationalist scholars, was approved in 2001 by

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AYAKO OKINO

Deputy director of "Children and Textbooks Japan Network 21"

the Education Ministry amid protests from South Korea and China. The Japanese scholars issued a statement Thursday lauding the school board's "good judgment" in approving the textbook.

Critics say it omits Japanese wartime atrocities, including germ warfare in China and the use of hundreds of thousands of sex slaves for the Japanese military.

Opponents of the textbook criticized Thursday's decision.

"We demand the education board retract its decision immediately," said Ayako Okino, deputy director of "Children and Textbooks

Japan Network 21." "We will do our utmost to prevent the pro-war thinking in the textbook from being forced on children."

Government officials say the Education Ministry's screening mainly involves fact-checking and approval does not mean the contents reflect official views on history.

Japan has admitted that a germ warfare unit operated in China during the war, but has refused to release details. Historians say Unit 731 may have killed as many as 250,000 people in experiments in the 1930s and 1940s.

The United Nations' human rights committee has said Japan is accountable for wartime sex slavery and should officially apologize and compensate the victims. Historians say some 200,000 women — mostly from Korea but also from the Philippines, Taiwan, China and the Netherlands — were forced into wartime sex slavery.

Tokyo has acknowledged its military's systematic involvement in brothel operations but has refused to pay compensation or apologize, saying all government-level compensation was settled by postwar treaties.

FACES 'N' PLACES

Jay-Z, R. Kelly free to tour now

Jay-Z and R. Kelly are going back in time. Their planned 2002 tour never materialized because of child pornography charges against Kelly. Now they're set to open "The Best of Both Worlds" tour Sept. 30 in Chicago.

The U.S. tour, which takes its name from their 2002 album, will travel to more than 40 cities before ending in Phoenix on Nov. 28.

They appeared together last year at Jay-Z's concert at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Kelly, whose real name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, faces 14 counts of child pornography in Chicago and has pleaded innocent.

In March, prosecutors in Florida dropped all 12 child pornography charges against Kelly, 37, after a judge ruled that photos allegedly showing the R&B singer having sex with an underage girl were illegally seized.

Kelly's new album, "Happy People/U Saved Me," was released Tuesday. His hits include "Ignition," "Step in the Name of Love" and the Grammy-winning "I Believe I Can Fly."

Jay-Z, 34, is the leading nominee for the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards, with six nominations for his jarring video for "99 Problems," which depicts his own murder as a metaphor for his retirement from rapping. The awards will be presented Sunday in Miami.



Kelly



KRT

Zach Braff on the set of his directorial debut "Garden State," which is set in his home state of New Jersey and is loosely based on personal experiences. Braff wrote the first draft of the movie while waiting to film the first episodes of "Scrubs."

'GARDEN STATE' not just for scrubs

Sitcom actor Braff takes turn behind camera for film set in his home state of New Jersey

BY BEN NUCKOLS
The Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — The Baird Community Center holds sentimental value for Zach Braff — it's where he saw his first play, when his father performed in Neil Simon's "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

It's also surrounded by a park that exemplifies the leafy, idyllic beauty Braff finds so emblematic of the Garden State. He finds nothing ironic in the nickname of his much-maligned native soil, which also is the name of the new film that Braff stars in, wrote and directed.

Shot in and around his hometown, "Garden State" is an auspicious dramatic debut for a 29-year-old filmmaker previously known as the star of the NBC sitcom "Scrubs."

"Most people who come in and out of New Jersey go through Newark International Airport," Braff said. "And they see the environment around there, and people make jokes and it [creates a perception] that it's a gross place to live. But anyone who goes south of Exit 14 [on the New Jersey Turnpike] knows that it looks like this."

It's hard to argue with Braff after spending a day in South Orange and neighboring Maplewood, where he would introduce two free screenings of the movie. The communities are close-knit, friendly and dotted with well-manicured parks.

"Garden State," however, is hardly a valentine to Braff's hometown. He stars as Andrew Largeman, a struggling actor who returns home for his mother's funeral. In the four days that "Largeman" spends at home, Braff explores the complicated ways in which people in their 20s relate to the places they grew up.

"I remember going to college, and a lot of my friends had left town, and my mom had moved houses, and my memory of home was completely gone," Braff says, "but I was really homesick, so that's where I first had the feeling that I was homesick for a place that didn't even exist."

The movie follows Largeman as he avoids his psychiatrist father (Ian Holm), strikes up a friendship with a vivacious young woman (Natalie Portman) who's constantly lying to him, and hangs around with his old buddies, many of whom are stuck in dead-end jobs.

There's plenty of drinking, recreational drug use and gen-

eral suburban angst, including a chillingly matter-of-fact conversation about which high school friends had committed suicide.

"That was my own experience, coming home and hearing who had killed themselves and being upset by it," Braff said. "It's just horrifying in a way, and I think it really shocked me, so that's why I wrote about it."

Braff is serious and studious throughout the interview, a marked contrast from his goofy "Scrubs" persona. He rarely cracks jokes or even smiles, in part because he was weary after a month on the road promoting the movie. But it's also because he takes filmmaking very seriously.

Braff is the rare sitcom star whose first love isn't performing or making people laugh. Directing always was his goal.

After graduating from Northwestern University's film school in 1997, Braff moved to New York, but he was forced to do grunt work on music videos and commercials to support himself.

He moved to Los Angeles, living in apartments much like the one Largeman lives in at the beginning of the movie — unadorned, with hardly any furniture and a pile of scripts in the corner of the bedroom. He worked in a few independent films but wasn't able to make a living until he landed "Scrubs" in 2001.

But after quitting his job waiting tables, he found out it would be four months before the "Scrubs" pilot was shot. He spent the downtime writing the first draft of "Garden State."

Although he had just gotten his big break, the script was informed by the depression and frustration of life as a struggling actor.

Largeman walks around in a haze, reacting to news of his mother's death by falling asleep. That's because his father has prescribed him lithium along with a host of antidepressants. He leaves the drugs in L.A., however, when he goes home for the first time in nearly a decade.

This is where "Garden State" strays furthest from Braff's own experience — he's not medicated and says he has a great relationship with his parents, who have both divorced and remarried. But he thinks it speaks to his generation.

"Every other person I meet is on some sort of medication," Braff said. "Being a 20-something in 2004, it's not hard to find."

McCreedy pleads innocent

Country singer Mindy McCreedy has pleaded innocent to drug charges in Tennessee.

Lawyers for McCreedy, whose hits include "Guys Do It All the Time," entered the plea Monday in Williamson County Court. The 28-year-old singer wasn't present and remains free on \$10,000 bond.

McCreedy was arrested earlier this month and charged with prescription drug fraud after authorities said she used a fake prescription to obtain the pain medicine OxyContin.

Investigators say McCreedy presented a fraudulent prescription at a pharmacy on Feb. 12, paid for the drugs and then left.

Authorities say they later learned that she wasn't a patient at the doctor's office from which the prescription purportedly originated.

Prince Charles faces discrimination charge

A woman who worked as a secretary for Prince Charles has filed a complaint against him alleging sex discrimination and unfair dismissal.

Elaine Day worked as a personal assistant during his five years in employment at Clarence House, Prince Charles' London residence, before she left earlier this year.

Paddy Harverson, communications secretary to the Prince of Wales, said Tuesday that Day's claim was filed at Croydon Employment Tribunal.

"The former employee has filed a complaint alleging unfair dismissal, sex discrimination and victimization on the grounds of sex," he said. "We will be contesting the complaint vigorously."



Prince Charles

Hallmark fall for Duke, son

Oscar-winning actress Patti Duke and her son Mackenzie Astin both have original movies premiering on the Hallmark Channel.

Duke stars as a mother superior who helps an ex-nuove solve a 30-year-old homicide in "Murder Without Conviction," which will air in September, the cable channel said Tuesday. Astin stars in "Love's Enduring Promise," the sequel to "Love Comes Softly," which premieres in November.

Astin, 31, stars as a railroad executive smitten with a female shoot-out artist.

Duke won a best supporting actress Oscar in 1963 for her portrayal of Helen Keller in the film "The Miracle Worker." She won an Emmy Award in 1980 for her portrayal of Keller's teacher, Annie Sullivan, in the movie of the same name.

The 57-year-old Duke also has won Emmys for "My Sweet Charlie" and "Captains and the Kings."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Contractor EDS undererred by glitches, losses

BY DAVID KOENIG

The Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — When a computer glitch delayed hundreds of American Airlines and US Airways flights around the country earlier this month, the blame fell squarely on Electronic Data Systems Corp.

An EDS-run computer system had gone haywire.

The timing couldn't have been worse for EDS. In the past few weeks, the computer services company has seen its credit downgraded to junk status, has slashed its dividend and has paid a steep price to get out of a money-losing contract.

EDS's revenue is growing, but barely. The company managed a profit in the April-June period only by selling a big software division, and there is talk of more layoffs as EDS loses business to rivals such as IBM Corp.

Against that backdrop, EDS got the publicity black eye on Aug. 1 when a single data entry by an airline employee into a flight operation database — part of the old Sabre system — triggered a cascading failure that made empty planes appear fully loaded.

The computer system had to be shut down and hundreds of flights were delayed for two to three hours.

EDS blamed the foul-up on "user error" — essentially an incorrectly typed command — but now acknowledges that the system never should have failed.

"That problem has been fixed

and resolved, and we and the customer are moving forward," Steve Schuckbrock, EDS executive vice president of global sales, said in an interview. He said potential EDS customers will remember the company taking responsibility long after they've forgotten about the one-day snarl at airports.

Some analysts aren't so sure. A series of recent setbacks have raised doubts about the state of EDS, which is well into a turnaround effort that began in March 2003 when chairman and chief executive Richard H. Brown was ousted and replaced by Michael Jordan, the retired chairman of CBS.

Jordan has hired his own management team, largely through buying a consulting firm run by a longtime associate, and tried to fix his and EDS's problems signed on Brown's watch.

There are signs that after a difficult first 16 months, Jordan is making progress.

Within the past three weeks, EDS has announced changes in an \$8.8 billion contract with the Navy that will allow it to bill for additional services. The federal housing agency upheld EDS's win of a \$750 million contract that had been challenged by a losing bidder, Lockheed Martin Corp.

And new contract signings rose 25 percent in April through June, compared to a year earlier.

EDS now offers many services, including consulting, call centers and back-office operations, but its



In the past few weeks, Plano, Texas-based Electronic Data Systems Corp. has seen its credit downgraded to junk status and paid a steep price to get out of a money-losing 2000 contract to build and operate a communications network for the Navy and Marine Corps. But many officials see a light at the end of the tunnel.

main business remains running computer systems for other companies and government agencies.

Last month, EDS won a \$1.1 billion, 8-year contract to take over the Bank of America Corp.'s communications systems and integrate them with Fleet Boston Financial Corp., which BoFA recently bought.

Several analysts said, however, that the BoFA deal highlighted EDS's dependence on winning work from existing customers — EDS already had \$4.5 billion in work for the bank — rather than from new clients.

EDS officials say the BoFA con-

tract showed that existing customers — who presumably know EDS the best — are giving the Plano-based company a vote of confidence. They argue that jobs with existing customers tend to be more profitable than new business.

Analysts say rivals are busy spreading the word that EDS is in shaky financial shape and can't be trusted to carry out complex, long-term technology contracts.

Even before Moody's Investors Service cut EDS's debt to junk status last month, saying the company was making only slow progress at fixing its business, the company's sales force hit the phones to reassure current customers and potential clients that a downgrade wouldn't mean much.

EDS has built up a stockpile of \$3.6 billion in cash and liquid investments, and says that cash will equal debt by year-end, reducing the need to borrow.

And Schuckbrock said EDS has signed more than 400 contracts worth \$880 million since the Moody's downgrade.

Those deals also underscore another strategy at EDS — moving away from the multibillion-dollar deals that once pumped up its revenue but actually drained profits. EDS got burned on several big

deals, especially the contract won in 2000 to build and operate a communications network for the Navy and Marine Corps.

The job turned out to be more complex than EDS imagined. Congress imposed additional testing requirements after the contract was awarded and EDS has lost \$1.7 billion by spending more on people and equipment than it gets paid from the Navy. EDS has stopped predicting when it will profit on the deal.

Schuckbrock says EDS will eventually get credit for sticking with the job, and Rod Bourgeois, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., said the Navy's willingness to let EDS bill for more services was "a positive to EDS at a time when they could use a credibility boost."

EDS also remains under the cloud of an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission into actions around Brown's leadership.

EDS officials say the turnaround is alive and well.

"The right pieces are there," said Julie Giera, an analyst for Forrester Research who toured EDS this month. "The mistakes of the past aren't being repeated. They're reducing debt, signing new customers and moving along in their transformation."

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

| INDEXES | | | | | | | | | |
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EXCHANGE RATES

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| S. Korean won (Aug. 26) | 1,127.00 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| Euro | \$1.24 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Bahrain (Dinar) | \$1.79 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| Czech Republic (Crown) | 20.36 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 6.13 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 2.25 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| Euro | \$1.24 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.99 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 206.57 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| India (Rupee) | 47.84 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 4.531 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Japan (Yen) | 107.00 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.2647 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| New Zealand (Dollar) | 0.674 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 55.96 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.366 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
| Sri Lanka (Rupee) | 171.22 | Japanese Yen | 107.00 |
| Switzerland (Franc) | 1.2726 | British pound | \$1.41 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 1.5152 | Swiss franc | \$1.37 |
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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Vehicle rebates

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Automobile dealers are clearing their lots to make room for next year's models. With rebates and other incentives at a high point, it's a good time to buy a vehicle.

Most rebates are regionalized, according to Phil Reed, consumer advice editor for Edmunds.com, which offers consumer guides for new and used cars. Before you visit any dealer-

ships, it's wise to research on which incentives are available in your area.

Edmunds.com allows you to get price quotes in your area for a specific make and model, and will list all known incentives being offered.

Many of the current advertised incentives involve gasoline rebates for purchasing an SUV, Reed said. Others include bonuses for military personnel or for selecting on-site financing.

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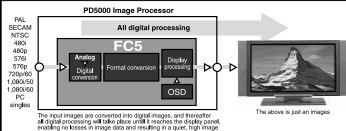
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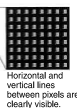
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| 6 | AFN-P | Headline News #ESPNews | My Wife and Kids "The Mail" Michael Hines a maid (CC) | Half & Half Dee has bad luck (CC) | CSI: Miami "Dead Zone" A treasure hunter is found skewered to his yacht with a harpoon. (CC) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Manc" High-school basketball players are gunned down. (CC) | Headline News | Saturday Night Live (CC) | | | | |
| 7 | AFN-Alt | Trading Spas: Boys vs. Girls (E) | The Best Of Entertainment Tonight (CC) | WWWE Raw | My Wife and Kids "The Mail" Dee has bad luck. | Half & Half Dee has bad luck. | CSI: Miami A treasure hunter is found skewered to his yacht with a harpoon. (CC) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Manc" (CC) | | | | |
| 8 | NEWS | Headline NBC (CC) | The O'Reilly Factor (CC) | CNN Saturday Morning (CC) | 20/20 (CC) | Today (CC) | | | | | | |
| 9 | SPORTS | #4100 NASCAR Racing Busch Series - Ford City 250. (Taped) | #SportsCenter | College GameDay | NFL Live | ESPNNews | #XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Basketball final, men's; canoeing finals; volleyball final, women's; wrestling finals, freestyle. | CMA Music Festival: Country Music's Biggest Party (CC) | | | | |
| 10 | SPEC | While You Were Out | Everwood "Your Future Awaits" Any revels her true feelings for Eshan. (CC) | Everwood "The Day Is Done" Ephram is accused into Julia's summer pro- gram. (CC) | Strong Medicine "Orders" Andy's father has a depressive condition that threat- ens his independence. (CC) | | | | | | | |
| 14 | TMC | (S-46) *** The Four Feathers (2002, Adventure) Hugh Ledger, Wile Benley, Kate MacLachlan. A former soldier accused of cowardice must redeem his honor. PG-13 (CC) | Antiques Roadshow Boston, Massachusetts Antiques Roadshow Boston, Massachusetts (CC) (DVS) | *** Miranda (2002, Drama) Christina Ricci, John Sim, Joseph Fiennes. A British narrator is obsessed with an American on woman. R (CC) | In Performance at the White House United States Marine Band 2005 at the White House. (CC) | Evening at Pops Bulgarias performance of Pops Stage and his acoustic band comedy. (CC) | (S35) *** Killing Me Softly (2002, Suspense) Heather Granger, Natasha McNeane. A woman becomes wary of her controlling husband. R (CC) | (S15) *** Igy Goes Down (2002, Comedy) Kieran Culkin, Susan Sarandon, Jeff Goldblum. R (CC) | | | | |
| 24 | PBS | Now Secret of Photo 51 The life of Rosalind Franklin (CC) (DVS) | Antiques Roadshow Boston, Massachusetts (CC) (DVS) | *** The American President (1995, Comedy-Drama) Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen. A president faces his political future for love. PG-13 (CC) | Presenting the Merry Widow The Bad Cop An undercover agent solves a 15-year-old crime. (CC) | | Evening With B.B. King Singer-songwriter B.B. King interviews blues musician B.B. King. (CC) | Austin City Limits Country singer Joe Nichols, 15-year-old Jessica Andrews perform. (CC) | | | | |
| 25 | SHOW | (S15) *** Househus (1992, Comedy) Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn, Dana Delany. A screw waitress forces herself into an architect's life. PG (CC) | City Confidential Newport, Rhode Island Chaps in his castle A handyman shoots for a New York. (CC) | Storm Warning! | Animal to Disaster | To Be Announced | City Confidential Lexington, KY A Puring Shor A Kentucky potterball player a killer's target. (CC) | The First 48 On the body in the Canal Turning killer. (CC) | | | | |
| 28 | DISC | To Be Announced | Storm Warning! | Animal to Disaster | To Be Announced | | | | | | | |
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Morning
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10:00 Top Choice
11:00 Top Choice: Murrur
Afternoon
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12:30 Ashlee Simpson
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3:00 All About Newlyweds: Nick, Jessica
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Evening
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1:30 Check the Rhyme
2:00 Ashlee Simpson
2:30 Rock On
3:00 The 48 Hours

Kerry signs stolen

FL PENSACOLA — Hundreds of yard signs supporting Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry have been stolen and vandalized in this heavily Republican region known as "Bush Country," prompting some Kerry supporters to hang signs from trees to deter burglars.

About 350 signs have been stolen, according to Panhandle for Kerry organizers, who met with Pensacola police Monday. The group has distributed nearly 3,400 signs.

Police said they would increase patrols and Kerry supporters planned to conduct neighborhood watches, said the group's chairman, Jerry Holt.

Pensacola resident Anne Bennett lost four Kerry signs from her front yard before putting out a homemade sign that read "Nice people don't steal or vandalize." She hung her latest sign from a pine tree limb 15 feet in the air.

1986 murder solved

NY MONTICELLO — A 41-year-old California man has admitted bludgeoning and stabbing to death an upstate New York restaurant owner almost 18 years ago.

Rommel Bennett, 41, of San Francisco, had been a cook at the Lombardburg diner owned by John Roe.

"My intent was to rob Mr. Roe," Bennett said Wednesday in Sullivan County Court. "It all went up in a murder, your honor."

Roe was found dead Nov. 3, 1986, outside his home in Lombardburg, 66 miles north of New York City.

The key to the case was a cigarette butt found in a beer bottle in Roe's house, police said. DNA taken from that butt this year led authorities to Bennett, who had a 1994 criminal conviction in Minnesota.

Natural gas blaze

TX MOSS BLUFF — Experts were preparing to cap a blaze at a natural gas well that has been burning since last week.

The fire shooting up from the underground natural gas storage cavern east of Houston once soared as high as 1,000 feet, but diminished to about 300 feet Monday, authorities said.

Authorities have revised the number of evacuees from one family to 30. All live within a mile of Duke Energy's Moss Bluff storage facility in Liberty County.

Duke Energy spokeswoman Frances Jeter said the exact count of evacuees housed at area hotels is still being calculated. She said residents who lived outside the one-mile radius and felt threatened by the fire were also provided lodging.

Deep impact

GA ATLANTA — A layer of four quartz grains found in in the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay have been traced to the impact of a giant asteroid that crashed near the



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35 million years ago.

The 54-mile-wide crater left by the meteor, the sixth-largest in the world, previously has been identified as the source of a rare mineral called glauconite. Small, glassy, olive-green beads of it have been found for decades in more than a dozen middle Georgia counties.

They are a type of impact-produced natural glass called tektite.

Ed Albin, a tektite expert at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, steered research into the substance toward the open kaolin mines that dot the center of the state. Sandwiched between layers of clay in an abandoned kaolin mine in Warren County, a team of researchers headed by University of Georgia graduate student Scott Harris, found traces of the impact.

Drunk wedding guest

NH LYNDEBOROUGH — New charges are likely against a man who showed up drunk at a Lyndeborough wedding and injured the groom Saturday, police said.

Brian Lithgow, 43, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., ended up driving his car over the groom's foot, police said.

Cpl. Mike Jeha, Lyndeborough police patrol supervisor, said Michelle Brady organized the wedding as a surprise for Sean Brady, now her husband. He said the investigation into Lithgow's

conduct is continuing.

Police Chief James Basinas said Lithgow drove up and down the road in his truck, drunk and angry. He said the groom stopped him to ask him to leave, but Lithgow didn't until he ran over the groom's foot with his truck.

Wal-Mart romance

ID BOISE — Somewhere between the junk food aisle and the automotive department, Pat Byrd and Bill Hughes fell in love.

So it was only natural that they should marry where the magic happened — Wal-Mart.

"I never dreamed on me to have it anyplace else," said the 55-year-old bride.

Neither bride nor groom work at the discount store. Still, they spend more time there than many employees do, wandering the aisles and visiting friends for up to six hours a day, nearly every day since the store opened two years ago.

"I talk to people and walk around for exercise, and we always buy a soda or a sandwich or something," 51-year-old Hughes said.

"If we're not here, the store people worry about us. They're our family."

Call in sick next time

LA NEW ORLEANS — An extermination company employee was charged with impersonating a Secret Service agent to get out of work.

Prosecutors say Mark Taylor told his employers during an absence that he was a federal agent on an official assignment, allegedly collecting \$1,800 in salary while he was away. Taylor faces up to three years in prison.

Twice the twins

MN ST. PAUL — Allyssa and Grant Kueske joke that they've won the baby lottery. The winning numbers must have been 2-2.

On Thursday, Allyssa Kueske gave birth to their second set of twins in a year.

"We are kind of on the accelerated plan," Allyssa laughed as she cradled her new son Caleb on Saturday.

Doctors at United Hospital in St. Paul say they've never seen two sets of twins from the same parents in a year's time. The likelihood of having two sets of twins over the course of a woman's childbearing years is less than 2 percent, doctors say.

The couple said the first set was born with a little help from medical science, while the latest pair was an "oops."

Not really a body

CA CARPINTERIA — Homicide detectives investigating reports of a corpse spotted in a trash can cordoned off the area only to find their victim was a discarded dummy. It was an anatomically correct and theatrical quality dummy," sheriff's Lt. Phil Willis said.



Standing strong

The Statue of Liberty, now open again to the public after terrorism fears shuttered the park, is expecting a rise in visitors during the Republican National Convention. The RNC begins in New York on Aug. 30.



Almighty light show

Lightning fills the sky behind Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence, Kan. Storms caused flooding throughout Lawrence, knocking out power to some while putting on an electrical show of its own.



Deadly wreck

A single-engine plane is airlifted off El Matador State Beach, northwest of Malibu, Calif., and lowered onto a truck Monday. Three people were killed when two single-engine planes collided off the beach on Sunday.



To the moon

A ultra-light plane flies over Thomas J. Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Conn., during a Norwich Navigators minor-league baseball game.



Elephant crossing

A motorist watches Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus elephants cross at the intersection of Pascagoula and Jefferson streets as they make their way to the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, Miss.



Just a small taste

A small butterfly searches for nectar among flowers in Annandale, Va. Birds and insects took advantage of the cooler-than-normal August weather in the Washington area to search for food.

Tortured and murdered

TX HOUSTON — Police want to track down the relatives of a 50-year-old man who investigators say was mutilated and tortured before being killed.

"This man's last 30 minutes were terrible, terrifying, horrible," Houston Police Department homicide Sgt. Jim Binford told the Houston Chronicle for its Tuesday editions. "He was horribly mutilated and tortured before he was killed."

Luis Manuel Munoz's body was spotted in Brays Bayou by a pedestrian on Aug. 15. Binford said that Munoz died from gunshot wounds, which only told part of the story.

Binford, who declined to detail the mutilations for investigative reasons, said 15 large holes cut in Munoz's torso and abdomen were evidently to help the body sink. A heavy weight was fastened to one of Munoz's ankles with chain.

15-term mayor dies

PA BEAVER — Robert P. Linn, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the nation's longest-serving mayor, has died. He was 95, and first took office more than 58 years ago.

Linn, in his 15th term, died at home Saturday, said his daughter, Marty Scheidmantel.

"He always stood up for the community, and rightfully so," said Beaver County Commissioners Chairman Dan Donatella. "Being mayor was almost a tradition for him. He loved the community and always put it ahead of everything."

Linn was sworn into office on Jan. 2, 1946, though he didn't even want the job, then known as burgess. Linn went along with a group of Republicans who wanted to unseat the incumbent — but he took out a newspaper ad urging people to vote for his opponent.

Cow earns dairy drink

MT BOZEMAN — Rancher Skip Hougland refused it was an offer he couldn't refuse: Bring in a cow, get a free frozen blended coffee beverage.

So he took Bonnie Prince Charles Edward Stuart, a Scottish Highland steer who generally goes by "Charlie," to a local Dairy Queen on Tuesday and got a free "Moolatte" as part of a corporate promotion.

Hougland brought Charlie to town after reading that people who brought a living cow to any participating business would be rewarded with a free coffee-flavored Dairy Queen version of a latte.

Charlie, who is 10, was the only animal that made an appearance at any of the area outlets.

'Spider-Man' busted

NY NEW YORK — A personal trainer, dubbed "Spider-Man" because of his ability to scale walls, leap from windows to roofs and swing on fire escapes, was convicted Monday of several counts of burglarizing Manhattan apartments, offices and schools.

Rufus Graham, 41, was found guilty of breaking into mostly upscale apartments on the Upper East and Upper West sides and in Midtown. He also was convicted of robbing the Dwight School on

West 89th Street and the Ramaz School on East 78 Street.

Police Officer Ray Gogarty testified he saw Graham, once a physically well-conditioned personal trainer at the David Barton Gym, leap backward out a seven-story theatrical office window on West 45th Street, just east of Times Square.

Graham landed on the roof of the Lyceum Theater, across a 10-foot alley and three stories down, Gogarty said. He pretended to be hurt until he spotted a fire escape ladder, which he quickly slid down and vanished, the officer testified.

Infant death conviction

HI HONOLULU — An Oahu man was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for causing the death of his 8-week-old son last October.

Derrick Smith, 33, of Salt Lake, was sentenced Monday after being convicted in June of second-degree murder in the death of his son, Kelby Bristenine.

Smith had testified that he accidentally dropped the boy while taking him to his crib.

Prosecutors said the death was no accident and pointed to an autopsy that determined the baby died of "abusive head trauma," including two skull fractures and bruises.

Biotech species rules

CA SACRAMENTO — Wildlife regulators have issued 14 permits for genetically engineered species in the year since California became the only state to require such licensing, according to a report being released this week.

Their one rejection was a proposal to market a fluorescent zebra fish — the nation's first transgenic pet, now sold under the trademarked name GloFish everywhere except in California.

Even then, the Fish and Game Commission reversed its earlier outright rejection, voting in April to seek a new recommendation from experts with the Department of Fish and Game.

The department decided Austin, Texas-based Yorktown Technologies would have to submit its Florida-grown biotech fish to a full environmental assessment before it could be considered for sale to the public.

Sweet incentives

FL WEST PALM BEACH — Krispy Kreme is offering to reward students with a doughnut for every A on their report card, but the plan seems a little flaky to some officials trying to fight childhood obesity.

Under one promotion, Krispy Kreme stores will give Palm Beach County students in kindergarten through sixth grade a free doughnut for good grades. Another program has students decorate posters of doughnuts with "success sprinkles" when children meet goals. The posters can be turned in for doughnuts.

"Krispy Kreme doughnuts are very good, especially when the 'hot' lights are on, but I can't say that there's anything healthy about them," school board member Debra Robinson said Tuesday. "Can't we find something else? I mean, a doughnut?"

Stories and photos from wire services

Woman has stinging desire to set record

Malaysian attempting 36 days in box with 6,000 scorpions

BY SEAN YOONG
The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian woman who's trying to reclaim a world record by living in a locked glass box with more than 6,000 scorpions has been stung once, is suffering a fever and scarcely sleeps because the creatures keep crawling over her.

Nur Malena Hassan, 27, said Wednesday she has a "50-50 chance" of reaching her target of being cooped up with the poisonous arachnids for 36 consecutive days to set a new record for the longest stay in a room full of scorpions.

"I'm feeling so much tension," Nur Malena told The Associated Press by telephone from the specially built glass room that she moved into Saturday in a shopping mall in Kuantan, a city about 160 miles northeast of Kuala Lumpur.

"Nighttime is the worst," she said. "I can only sleep two or three hours, since scorpions get so active at night. But I want to show that Malaysians are capable of world-class efforts."

Nur Malena said she has a mild fever after being stung on her face Sunday. But scorpions rarely sting unless they're disturbed, so she remains cautious while moving within the room, which measures about 12 feet by 10 feet.

Nur Malena, who's been nicknamed "Scorpion Queen" in this Southeast Asian country, set a world record in 2001 by living for 30 days with 2,700 scorpions. She was stung seven times, fell unconscious and nearly gave up the potentially deadly feat.

Her record was shattered a year later by Kanchana Ketkeaw, a woman in neighboring Thailand who lived in a similar glass room for 32 days with 3,400 scorpions.

"Having 6,000 scorpions is different from 3,000," Nur Malena said. "It's just worse."

Nur Malena has built up an endurance to stings after more than five years of training. But she says

she'll still pass out if she's stung three times within a short span.

Thousands of Malaysians have visited the mall to observe Nur Malena in the room, which she leaves just once a day for a 15-minute bathroom break under self-imposed rules. She sleeps, eats and performs Muslim prayers in the room.

Boredom sometimes sets in, but Nur Malena keeps entertained by watching DVDs on a TV set. Her favorite movie right now: "Spider-Man."

Malaysians have displayed a growing penchant in recent years for offbeat records — such as the highest backward climb up a staircase and the largest number of old people at a circus.



Nur Malena Hassan

Che Guevara promoted as tourist draw in Bolivia

Revolutionary revered by locals at site of killing

BY KEVIN G. HALL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

LA HIGUERA, Bolivia — Revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, an atheist, has been reborn as a saint in the desolate Bolivian village where he was captured and executed nearly 37 years ago. Like many a saint, he's also a tourist draw.

It's an odd fate for Guevara — Fidel Castro's revolutionary sidekick in the seizure of Cuba — who sought the violent overthrow of Latin America's political and economic structure. He was the Osama bin Laden of his day during the Cold War, Washington's archenemy.

Today his handsome mug appears on the walls of homes and in market stalls in remote La Higuera, where he died, and in Vallegrande, where he was secretly buried. In many homes, his face competes for wall space with Jesus, the Virgin Mary and a host of Roman Catholic saints.

"They say he brings miracles," said Susana Osinaga, 70, who was a young nurse on Oct. 9, 1967, when she washed the blood off Guevara's corpse in Vallegrande's small hospital.

A grocery owner now, Osinaga frowns on curious tourists and journalists who seek him out. But like other locals she keeps a photo of Guevara, known throughout Latin America by his nickname, Che, on her grocery's wall.

Osinaga may soon get more unwanted visits. The international relief agency CARE is administering \$300,000 in British government and private aid to promote what CARE calls Che Tourism. The



Antti Turkia of Finland takes pictures at the Che Guevara Museum.

project includes hostels for backpackers, road construction and infrastructure improvements to promote tourism in rural southeastern Bolivia. The hope is that Che will mean money.

"For the country, it is kind of a product, or a comparative advantage for them to use and improve their own livelihoods," Marwa El-Ansary, CARE's project director, said in an interview in Vallegrande.

There isn't much progress evident in La Higuera. Its population — 100 families when Guevara was summarily executed 11 months after arriving in Bolivia — has dwindled to about 40 families. There still is no electricity. What power there is, is, well, Che.

"It's like he is alive and with us, like a friend. He is kind of like a Virgin [Mary] for us. We say, 'Che, help us with our work or with this planting,' and it always goes well," explained Manuel Cortez, a poor La Higuera farmer who lived next door to the schoolhouse where Guevara was executed. "He suffered alone like Our Father, in flesh and bone."

Cortez met Guevara twice in

weeks leading to the guerrilla leader's capture and death, and was, he said, one of the last to see him alive.

Decades later, Cortez still raises cows and other farm animals. When he can he guides foreigners down a steep, rocky path to the "Quebrada del Churo," the ravine where Guevara was hunted down and captured by U.S.-trained Bolivian soldiers after a fierce gun battle on Oct. 8, 1967.

At the unmarked site, a stream trickles. Purple flowers bloom and songbirds chirp. Over there, Cortez says, pointing to a boulder, is where Guevara took shelter as soldiers fired downhill at him, striking him in the leg. And over there, he points, is where Guevara surrendered after reportedly saying, "I am Che Guevara and I am worth more to you alive than dead."

He was wrong.

At Vallegrande's only art cafe, paintings of Guevara on horseback stare out at patrons. Hamburgers are served beneath a painting depicting his eerie death stare and shirtless corpse.

At the Black Forest food stall in



KRT photos

The Che Guevara Memorial is located in La Higuera, where the Argentine-Cuban revolutionary was slain in 1967. In the sparsely populated region of Bolivia where Guevara has become something of a saint, tourism is being promoted as people flock to see this piece of history.

the town's bustling market, a likeness of Guevara presides over the poor who come to eat there.

Erich Blossl, 75, was a German aid worker in 1967 when Bolivian military officers asked him to photograph Guevara's corpse. His photo of Guevara stretched across a freestanding hospital wash basin the size of an altar circled the globe and remains a haunting image to this day.

"His eyes were not the eyes of a dead man. Wherever you went, his eyes followed you," Blossl recalled recently.

He said he was uncomfortable with Che Tourism. "Tourism is one thing, Che is another," he said.

Vallegrande and La Higuera get

roughly 40 registered tourists per month. Many more go unregistered.

Emily George, 26, of Charlotte, N.C., visited Vallegrande in July after finishing a Peace Corps stint in Bolivia.

"Che embodied a lot of what my generation is lacking," George said, citing his idealism and concern for social justice in Latin America.

Sociologist Humberto Vasquez, 67, agreed. He headed Guevara's clandestine cell in the capital of La Paz. His brother Jorge fought alongside Guevara and was captured and killed with him.

"I don't regret what we did," Vasquez said. "One hoped we could have done better."

Law would allow long-distance weddings

BY DIANNA MARDER
AND DAVID SWANSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Oh, the things we do for love.

When U.S. Marine 2nd Lt. Tommy Cogan, a 23-year-old nice guy from Philadelphia now serving in Iraq, and Theresa Elizabeth Arnold fell in love last year, no one imagined it would take an act of the California Legislature for them to marry.

But it will. Before the legislative session adjourns Friday, both the state Senate and Assembly are expected to overwhelmingly pass a bill that would let military men and women serving overseas in combat marry their stateside sweethearts by proxy.

No wedding date has been set, but all concerned are hoping the ceremony can happen before the bride gives birth.

She's due at the end of next month — and it's a girl.

Hence the urgency. Cogan can't just leave his duty in Iraq. And until now, California law has demanded that the groom be present.

So Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to sign the bill, and there is speculation the governor may even stand in for the groom at the wedding.

'Lose my number, pal'

Tommy Cogan is a platoon leader in Echo Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, which since March has been in Ramadi, on the main road between Baghdad and Jordan. A Sunni stronghold, it is among the most dangerous places in Iraq, and this Marine battalion has suffered the most casualties in the war.

California legislation would make it possible for Marine in Iraq to marry fiancée by proxy

Tommy Cogan joined the Marines after graduating from college in New York. He was in Quantico, Va., for training when he met Theresa.

"They were in a bar," his father began. He likes to tell this story because it shows Theresa's strength. "Tommy comes in feeling good and he talks to Theresa and gets her phone number. Now he's thinking he's not stuff, so he walks around to another part of the bar and starts talking to another girl."

"Well, Theresa saw that and she came over and said, 'Lose my number, pal' — and walked out."

"Tommy was shocked. But that intrigued him. He gave up on the second girl and he and Theresa have been together ever since."

Finding a way

Theresa Arnold, 23, knows Army life. Born in Germany, where her father was stationed, she lived in Hawaii and Indiana before the family settled down in Fredericksburg, Va.

She was celebrating her 22nd birthday with a girlfriend the night she met Cogan and discovered their mutual interest in the military.

She was majoring in administration of justice at George Mason University.

The two talked about marriage early on and he made sure his parents met her before he left in November 2003 for Camp Pendleton, Calif.

As soon as her semester ended, Theresa drove out to be with Cogan and he surprised her with an engagement ring.

"He proposed," she said, "the moment I got there."

In February, Cogan left for Iraq, and soon after, Theresa learned she was carrying his child. Although he is slated to return from Iraq late next month, Cogan knows he could be delayed, or worse.

"In his letters, he said he was nervous about being a father," Theresa said. "And he told me to find a way for us to get married right away."

'Let's change the law'

As San Diego Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith, a former member of the state assembly, tells it, the would-be bride came into the courthouse in late June. She was looking for a judge to conduct her wedding ceremony and was told it could not happen without the groom.

When Goldsmith caught wind of the bride and groom's situation, he was appalled.

"I said, 'Let's change the law — that's ridiculous!'" Goldsmith recalled.

It didn't seem right, he said, that the nation asking Cogan to risk his life should deny him the opportunity to marry in time to give his child the security of medical benefits.

No one seems to know why the question of proxy marriage for military men and women had not presented itself forcefully before.

Only three states — Texas, Colorado and Montana — allow any form of proxy marriage.

The deadline for introducing bills was in February, but Goldsmith got the ranking Republican, Sen. James L. Brulte, and Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a Democrat, to co-author the legislation.

"It was a logistical nightmare," said Tom Sheehy, Brulte's legislative aide. "I told Brulte: 'This can't happen.' He said: 'Tom, get it done.'"

Officially, Schwarzenegger's office has no comment on whether he will sign the bill, let alone stand in for the groom. But Goldsmith trusts that the governor will sign it. Nearly everyone who hears about this volunteers to stand in for the groom.

"I can't believe the governor would turn down that photo opportunity," said Goldsmith, who is among the volunteers.

Only one regret

In May, just after his company experienced some of its heaviest losses in combat, Cogan got letters from fourth-graders at Chester A. Arthur Elementary School, where his father teaches kindergarten.

The students wanted to know if



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to sign a bill that would permit 2nd Lt. Tommy Cogan to wed his fiancée by proxy before the birth of their first child. There is speculation Schwarzenegger will stand in for the groom at the ceremony.

he was scared or hungry. "What is it like to be in combat, they asked? As a leader, how do you feel when your men get killed?"

"During the firefights I didn't have time to think about it," Cogan wrote back. "But when the dust settles it really hits home."

"I lost some great Marines and my best friend. ... I hurt pretty bad picking up their bodies and taking them to get sent home."

"The hardest part is writing to their families. I always wonder if they blame me for what has happened."

"My only regret," he wrote, "is not being there for my future child's birth."



Samir, an Iraqi-American translator for U.S. troops, holds a prized picture of himself pinning Saddam Hussein to the ground during his Dec. 13 capture.

Translator who pinned Saddam doesn't wrestle with loyalties

BY JIM SUHR
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Back in the Iraq he once fled, Samir couldn't see down the darkened hole enough to see who was hiding there.

Acting as a civilian translator for U.S. troops massed a few miles south of Tikrit, the Iraqi-American told the overwrought man to surrender or die. Soldiers were ready to pitch a grenade into the pit when the man inside slowly thrust his hands into the light, giving up.

When he helped pull the man out, Samir gasped.

It was Saddam Hussein.

By his account, Samir greeted the deposed ruler — the man with a \$25 million bounty on his head as then one of the world's most-wanted fugitives — with a few punches, kicks and profane insults.

"I wanted to say 'You did this all to us, and you still don't want to leave Iraq alone,'" said Samir, now living in St. Louis.

Requesting that his last name not be used, given fear of reprisals from Saddam loyalists or anti-American forces, Samir prizes that day like the beads he gave last month to a thankful President Bush.

"I feel so good, I feel so good," said Samir, 34.

Samir bolted from Iraq in 1991, leaving behind four brothers, three sisters and his parents. He made his way to Saudi Arabia and lived in a refugee camp for more than three years before reaching American soil "like a dream come true."

He spoke no English, picking up the language while working for a boiler-galvanizing company and auto-repair shops. By March 2003, he headed the call for civilian translators to be used overseas to help.

"I really wanted to be part of this," he said.

As he had hoped, Samir eventually got shipped to Iraq before being returned to the United States when his contract expired last fall. Samir quickly re-signed, insisting, "I was wanting to go back there to help."

One of Saddam's family members provided the information that triggered the December raid that led Samir and some 600 troops to a walled compound near Saddam's hometown.

In front of a mud-brick shack, troops with the 4th Infantry Division pulled back a carpet on the ground, cleared away the dirt and revealed a Styrofoam panel. Underneath, there was a 6-foot-deep vertical tunnel; a pipe provided air.

When the hole was exposed, the mystery man inside repeatedly implored, "Don't shoot, don't kill me!"

"You need to come out before they kill you," Samir shouted into the hole.

Eventually, the man stuck one arm into the light, then the other.

The former ruler looked haggard, with a wild, graying beard and ratty hair. "He looked old and miserable," Samir says.

When Samir called the man names, the ousted ruler retorted, "Don't talk to me. I'm Saddam Hussein," Samir recalled. "I said, 'You are nobody.'"

Samir cherishes a photo of him helping pin Saddam to the ground.

Before returning to the United States, Samir said his family told him to thank Bush for helping liberate Iraq. Last month, Samir got his chance.

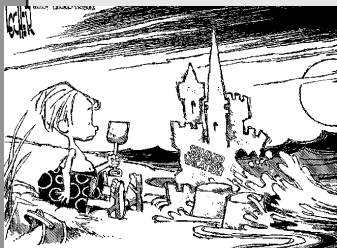
When Bush came to campaign July 20 in the St. Louis suburb of St. Charles, Samir was just one of two people tapped to meet privately with the nation's commander in chief.

"I said, 'I want to give you a message, speaking from my heart. I want to thank you for what you've done to Iraq,'" Samir said.

Bush tapped the man on the shoulder and replied, "Good work. I'm proud of your help with the military."

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A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



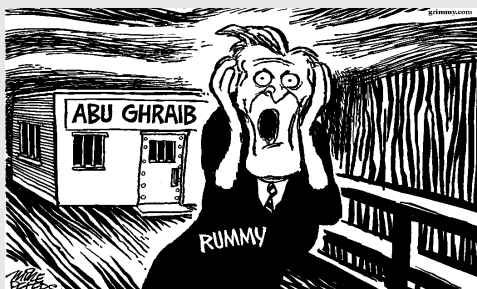
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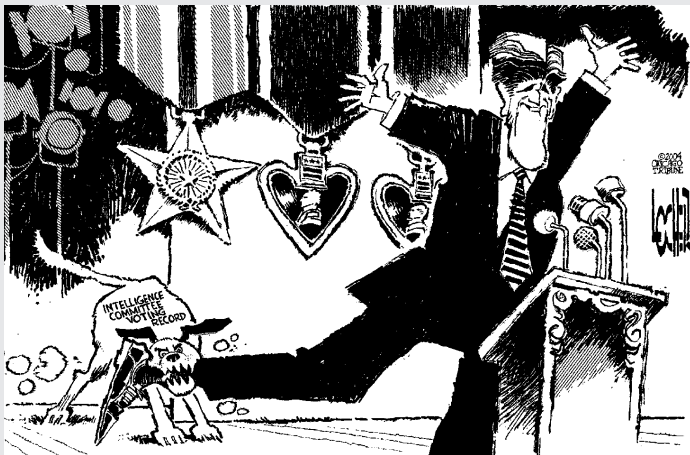


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Horoscope

We're headed toward the full moon in Pisces, but for now, the eccentricity of Aquarius is featured — you'll see characters out wherever you go, and they're not shy about showing the world why they're so different. In other words, it's a day to let your freak flag fly. If you're honest, some things you do might be considered strange.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 28). You spend plenty of time in creative, luxurious and interesting environments this year, which causes you to realize that you deserve a life filled with beauty. Young people help you out in October. You'll make money with your artistry through December. Traveling inspires you in the winter. You're particularly suited to romance with a Leo or Pisces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are as magnificent as the purpose you choose. Think about your focus and how you might fine-tune it to represent what you'd like to create in this life. Innovation is needed in your love life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's better to be direct than diplomatic now. Confrontation brings about healthy change. Nothing is as big or as scary as it seems. Lies lose their power when the truth is spoken. Financial opportunities will unfold tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A touch of obsession isn't a bad thing. It shows that you're driven enough to make it no matter what or whom you're up against. Tonight, you'll have to release something in the name of progress — a very mature move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If operating in a group, you cover solid ground by sticking to the plan. Into the hours after noon, you're more susceptible to influence. You could be romanced into something you once opposed. At least you have an open mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feel free to be you. Those who know you will also know that you're at your best when you can't feel the

boundaries locking you in. Reinforce great behavior from loved ones, and you'll get more in the days to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you don't choose adventure, you're choosing a humdrum day. Go against your need for convenience, and do something unreasonable and just plain fun. When you're playful, you attract all kinds of joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The closest of kin sometimes seem to be the furthest from knowing the real you. Remedies for the situation now. Being completely comfortable in relationships makes you feel that all is well in the world. Laughter forms a lasting tie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no need for force events into your preconceived notion of what they should be. When you relax, what happens naturally is inspired and sometimes hilarious. Even tedious work is fun if you have the right attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New people are featured, and you make a superb first impression. You can expect to receive follow-up phone calls from folks who spot you as someone to get a know. Family members have requests — say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People around you admire how cool you are under every circumstance. It wasn't always so. You can relate to someone who's taking the situation way too seriously — he or she reminds you of yourself in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sharing your extensive knowledge of a certain subject will help you establish your place with those you admire. Don't be surprised if you're included in exciting plans for future enterprises.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't regret listening to your inner voice, though it seems to make no sense in the moment. If someone owes you money, try collecting it! You're mighty persuasive now and will get most of the results you try for.

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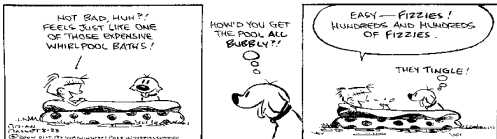
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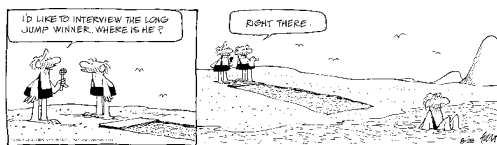
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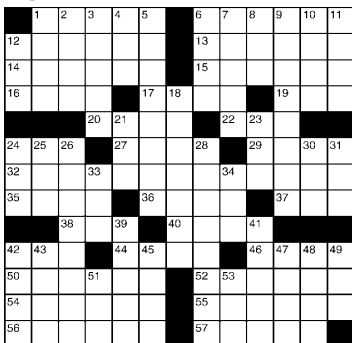
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 6 Here and there
- 12 Paper airplane, e.g.
- 13 Big lizard
- 14 Block
- 15 Extends a finger
- 16 Houston acronym
- 17 Mideast gulf
- 19 "Mayday!"
- 20 "Time" publisher
- 22 Chatter away
- 24 Ernesto Guevara
- 27 Colonial sewer
- 29 Cheese-tray choice
- 32 Bushnell-based TV series
- 35 Mischievous group
- 36 Green acres
- 37 Menlo Park monogram
- 38 Approves
- 40 Finished
- 42 Reply (Abbr.)
- 44 Post Angoulet
- 46 Ford or Lincoln
- 50 Slatted aperture
- 52 Musketeer accessory
- 54 Cow catcher
- 55 Political floor
- 56 Cutting implement
- 57 Tools for duels
- 2 Pinches
- 3 Beyond improvement
- 4 Caroline's uncle
- 5 Three digits after 1
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- 7 Great distress
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- 11 Aggregate
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- 18 Undo
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- 24 Helgenberger drama
- 25 Height of fashion?
- 26 PR concern
- 28 Noisy mock serenade
- 30 Call-day link
- 31 Storm center
- 33 Send out invitations
- 34 Away from WSW
- 39 Slender
- 41 Cordage fiber
- 42 Shakespeare title start
- 43 Ham's father
- 45 700s, in the Dewey Decimal System
- 47 Incite
- 48 Rocky peaks
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- 51 Through
- 53 Pump up the volume

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 Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals S

Tel police about stalker problem

Dear Abby: I am 19 and pregnant with my first child. The father, whom I married, turned out to be far different from the person I thought he was when I met him. I left him when I was four months along because he was starving me and wouldn't let me leave the house.

Since then, he has been arrested for possession of child pornography, and I have discovered that he is a satanist. I am terrified of him. I know I'm lucky to be alive and not to have lost the baby, which I almost did.

I am filing for divorce, but I have no idea how to keep this monster away from my baby. He has threatened to kill me and take the baby if I don't go back to him. He follows me around and sits outside my home late at night. I have applied for a lawyer, but I have no job and no money.

Are there any organizations that can help someone in my position? How do I get my husband to quit threatening me and leave me alone?

— Scared in Texas

Dear Scared: The first thing you should do is file a police report stating, for the record, that you are being stalked and threatened. Since your husband has already been arrested for child pornography, it could be only a matter of time until he is convicted and sent away. In the meantime, call the Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233. If necessary, the people there can help you find shelter to keep you and your baby safe.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: An outside vendor came to the place where I worked and made lewd comments to me.

When I learned that he would

be the person training me on the new software I'd be using for the promotion I had just received — my second promotion in two years — I reported the incident to my immediate supervisor. Within four working days, I was demoted, publicly humiliated, and felt forced to turn in my resignation.

I had signed a sexual harassment agreement with my bosses that I would report any incident to them. Should I have kept my mouth shut? Do I have any recourse?

— Humiliated in Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Humiliated: The vendor's actions were out of line, and you were right to report him. If I were you, I'd discuss what happened with an attorney who specializes in labor law — preferably a female.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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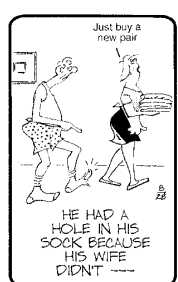
Answer:

Yesterday's Jumbles: **BOGUS** **MOTIF** **FRENZY** **BUREAU**

Answer: What the jockey enjoyed — **SURF** and **TURF**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A "JUMBLE" (Answers Monday)

Drugs can quietly wreck a life

Dear Annie: Our wonderful, 30-year-old son died by suicide four months ago. He was a born-again Christian and a married man, smart, handsome, caring and liked by all. He offered his arm to senior citizens at church. He loved his family. What led him to suicide? In college, he was lured into trying drugs. Being young and invincible, he tried them "just once" and found he could not put them down. A decision that took a split second to make destroyed his life.

Drug addiction can attack all families, all colors, all income levels, all levels of education. No demographic group is excluded from this horrible demon. His father and I have been married 37 years. We are middle-class, college-educated, responsible citizens who raised our child with love, high standards and high moral values.

Think, parents, do not be naive and please this cannot happen in your family. Keep your eyes open.

Annie's Mailbox



If you see something that is even mildly worrisome, address the issue.

Help them develop wholesome, healthy interests. Don't be eager to send them away to college. Let them mature close to home for the first year or two. I don't know that there is anything we could have done differently to avoid this tragedy. Our hearts are forever broken. Help me keep this from destroying other families.

Michael's Proud Mom

Dear Michael's Mom: We ache for your loss. Parenting is one of the most difficult jobs on earth. Parents can do everything right, but children still grow up and make their own choices. We do the best we can with the tools we have. Thank you for caring enough to share your story.

Dear Annie: I had to laugh at your answer to the reader who has a pet rat. When my daughter was 4 years old, she brought a

rat home for the weekend from preschool. We were horrified at that big, fat, ugly thing with the long tail, but soon we realized that it was gentle, ate demurely, didn't run away and was kind of cute.

We then allowed the kids to raise a baby rat, which had the run of their room. It never made a mess because it liked its cage so much.

When the kids came home from school, it came lunging toward them like a puppy.

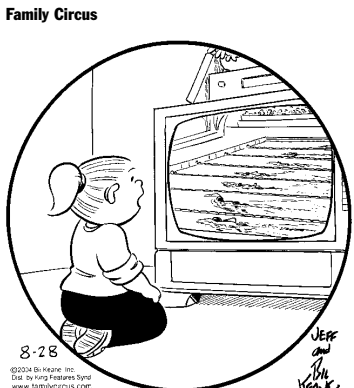
Any pet can be therapeutic. Of course, always wash your hands after handling, and make sure it has a clean bed, food and fresh water.

Like Rats in Orange, Calif.

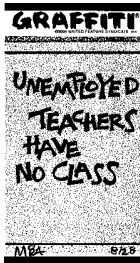
Dear Like Rats: We heard from plenty of rat aficionados, and we will concede that they might make good pets, but we'll pass, thank you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annie-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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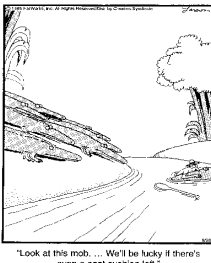
"How come they never have doggy-paddle races?"



Dennis the Menace



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Raiders' Woodson to report to camp next week

The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Charles Woodson confirmed Wednesday night he would end his holdout and be in camp with the Oakland Raiders next week.

The four-time Pro Bowl cornerback announced his intentions in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The Raiders placed the franchise tag on Woodson in February.

With the franchise designation, he would make close to \$8.8 million this season, but Woodson hasn't signed the Raiders' tender — which he must do before negotiating a deal.

Woodson, who's entering his seventh pro season, is seeking a big-money, long-term contract and reportedly wants to be the highest paid cornerback in the NFL.

NFL briefs

Earlier Wednesday, Raiders coach Norv Turner said he expected Woodson to be in camp next week.

Turner said he doubted Woodson would be prepared for the season opener Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh if he waited until after the final exhibition game to join the team.

A call to Woodson's agent, Carl Poston, wasn't returned Wednesday.

Giants QB Warner to start against Jets

ALBANY, N.Y. — Quarterback Kurt Warner will start for the New York Giants on Friday, but coach Tom Coughlin declined to say whether Warner or rookie Eli Manning will start the regular-season opener.

Coughlin announced Wednesday that Man-

ning, the No. 1 pick in the draft, will get the same amount of snaps with the first-team offense against the New York Jets on Friday.

Coughlin said he'll select a starter for the opener at Philadelphia "at the right time."

LB Peterson ends holdout, signs one-year deal with 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson ended his holdout Wednesday and signed a one-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers.

Peterson, designated by the team in February as its franchise player, missed the first 28 days of training camp.

Peterson signed a \$6,073 million offer tendered to him by the team to play this season. That figure represents the average of the NFL's five highest-paid players at his position.

Texas to play for U.S. title

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPOUR, Pa. — Texas is two steps away from a world championship.

Chance Adams hit a grand slam and Randy Grichuk hit a three-run homer to lead Richmond, Texas, to the United States final with an 8-2 victory over Morgantown, N.C., on Wednesday.

Little League WS Wednesday night in the Little League World Series.

Texas plays the winner of the Thousand Oaks, Calif., vs. Preston, Md., game on Saturday for the championship. The world championship is Sunday.

"I'm just about as excited as you can get. I'm just emotionally drained," Texas manager Jim Michalek said.

In the second inning, Tyler Ford doubled, and Matt Daniels and Dustin Moelling hit consecutive singles to lead the bases for Murski. Murski, hitting only .167 in the series, crushed one to left field off Dykotski (0-1) for a 4-0 lead.

"I hung in there and got that pitch," said Murski, who went 1-for-3. "I feel pretty good, but the rest of the at-bats I didn't do that well."

It didn't matter. Grichuk, back for his second consecutive Little League World Series, added a three-run homer in the fourth to make it 7-0. It was his fourth homer of the series and sixth in two years. Grichuk is one shy of tying the career home run record shared by two players, one of whom is Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon (197).

Daniel Homann (2-0) earned his second victory of the series, allowing four hits and striking out eight.

Spies and Eli Watson had RBIs in the sixth inning for North Carolina.

"Our hitting wasn't there," North Carolina manager Alan Lail said. "They're 12-year-olds and sometimes they don't bring their entire game with them."

Last year, Saugus, Mass., scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate Texas in the U.S. semifinals. This year, Texas is looking for more.

"We're one of the top four Little League teams in the whole world," Daniels said, smiling. "If you stop and think about it, it's pretty amazing."

In Wednesday's other game:

Curacao 9, Taiwan 8 (7): Jonathan Schoop had the game-tying hit in the sixth and the winning hit in the seventh to lead Willem Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles into the international championship game.

Curacao will play the winner of the Corundum, Panama, vs. Nuevo Leon, Mexico, game on Saturday in the championship.

Curacao tied the game with a four-run sixth, sending it into extra innings before knocking out Taiwan, whose teams won 17 Little League World Series titles between 1969 and 1996.

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RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

Martin takes good with bad

Financial reward balances changes for 23-year veteran of NASCAR's top series

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

MARK MARTIN, Michigan's first NASCAR champion, whose 533 consecutive starts trail only two active drivers, is proud to say he's not sticking around just to pick up lucrative checks with lackluster performances.

He finished second last week at MIS, Martin's third top-three finish this month. He's one of 11 drivers with a victory this year, and he has five top-fives and 10 top-10s in 23 races.

After a strong showing in 2002 — his fourth series runner-up finish — he slipped last year with no wins and just five top-fives in 36 starts.

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"During the simple times, we weren't making as much money, but there wasn't as much of a demand on our time. But if my whole career was like that, I wouldn't have retired with very much."

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est because there's going to be some new drama and excitement, but I personally liked it the way it was."

"TV ratings aren't a major concern of mine, but they are for NASCAR. When I'm a fan, it might be different, but I'm not done being a competitor."

Martin, who is under contract for 2005, insisted he does not have a retirement plan.

"He's a compulsive competitor," said Geoff Smith, president of Roush Racing, which has had Martin on its team for 16 years.

Jeff Burton, a former Roush teammate, said obsessive is the best description.

"I don't care if it's racing or weightlifting, he's obsessed with being the best," Burton said.

After Martin's first race 23 years ago, he struggled to find a home in NASCAR's top stock car series, racing only sporadically and failing to establish himself in the sport until he was hired in 1988 by Jack Roush.

He is now a mainstay. His 34 victories trail just three active drivers, and he ranks 17th in NASCAR history. He ended a 72-race winless streak this summer at Dover.

Martin's 12-year-old son, Matt, is following his father's career path. Racing an F-150 truck, the boy led every lap in a FastKids race last weekend.

"I don't get to see him race much, and that's another drawback to my schedule," Martin said. "I do care what he does. I just want him to be the best at whatever he does, whether he goes to college or goes into racing."

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NASCAR has changed in many ways since Mark Martin began racing in its top series in 1981. Though he sometimes bemoans the series' growth from its southern roots to nationwide popularity, he has been compensated with about \$37 million in career earnings — and he's got a shot at chasing a series championship this season to boot.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 24: Sharpie 500, 8:30 a.m. Sunday (live), AFN-Sports.

Last race: Greg Biffle led a race-high 73 of 200 laps and easily won the GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Last year: Kurt Busch sped away from Kevin Harvick. Busch, who was

punched by Jimmy Spencer the previous week, found himself in trouble again by spinning-out Sterling Marlin midway through the race as he tried to pass Marlin for second place, drawing thundering boos from the crowd.

POINTS RACE

After 23 of 36 races

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| 1. Jeff Gordon | 3,254 |
| 2. Jimmie Johnson | 3,186 |
| 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | 3,115 |
| 4. Tony Stewart | 3,089 |
| 5. Matt Kenseth | 3,018 |
| 6. Kurt Busch | 2,908 |
| 7. Elliott Sader | 2,864 |
| 8. Kevin Harvick | 2,832 |
| 9. Bobby Labonte | 2,799 |
| 10. Casey Kahne | 2,792 |
| 11. Jeremy Mayfield | 2,786 |
| 12. Mark Martin | 2,759 |
| 13. Ryan Newman | 2,748 |
| 14. Dale Jarrett | 2,734 |
| 15. Jamie McMurray | 2,722 |
| 16. Casey Means | 2,555 |
| 17. Michael Waltrip | 2,488 |
| 18. Greg Biffle | 2,422 |
| 19. Rusty Wallace | 2,417 |
| 20. Sterling Marlin | 2,396 |

BUSCH SERIES

This week's Ford City 250 in Bristol, Tenn. (Tape-delayed, 4 p.m. Saturday, 5PT).

Last race: Kyle Busch recorded his season-leading fifth win by leading the Toyota Tundra 200 at Nashville Super-Speedway on Aug. 14. Hamilton started 15th on his way to claiming his fourth win of the season by 0.956 seconds.

Next race: Craftsman Truck Series 200, Sept. 5, Richmond, Va.

INDY RACING

This week: Firestone Indy 225 at Nazareth, Pa. (Tape-delayed, 10:55 a.m. Tuesday, 5PT).

Last year: Helio Castroneves moved onto the standings and gave Toyota its first series championship by edging out Sam Hornish Jr. by 0.059 seconds.

Next race: Deslille Indy 200, Sept. 12, Joliet, Ill.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

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CHAMP CARS

This week: Grand Prix of Montreal. **Last race:** Sebastien Bourdais recovered from a crash to win the 100-lap race. He won the race by 0.001 seconds. He won the race by 0.001 seconds. He won the race by 0.001 seconds.

Next race: Italian GP, Sept. 12, Monza.

FORMULA ONE

This week: Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps.

Last race: Michael Schumacher won the Hungarian GP and set another record by becoming the first F1 driver with 12 victories in a season. He can clinch his seventh championship at Belgium.

Next race: Italian GP, Sept. 12, Monza.

DRIVERS TO WATCH

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| Mark Martin Martin has won four times Sunday to get to 10th in the Chase for the Cup. He has 70 points of 10th, and he can hold his own in the next three races? | Kasey Kahne Kahne has won three times in the Chase for the Cup. He has 70 points of 10th, and he can hold his own in the next three races? | Kurt Busch Busch has won three times in the Chase for the Cup. He has 70 points of 10th, and he can hold his own in the next three races? |
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FAST FACTS

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| Back in the car: Bill Elliott will be back in a car sponsored by McDonald's in two upcoming Nextel Cup races — Sept. 5 at California Speedway and Oct. 11 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Elliott is limited scheduled to race in the 2004 31-race winless streak that began at the event. He has five victories and 15 top 10 finishes in 23 career starts at Bristol. | Nextel Cup qualifying record: Ryan Newman, 128.709 mph, 2003. | Nextel Cup race record: Charlie Glotzbach, 109.074, July 11, 1971. |
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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Whirlwind year ends in emotional send-off for Gardner

BY GIL LEBRETON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ATHENS — Hey, there's no crying in wrestling.

But it was too late. Rulon Gardner's shoes were already left on the mat, a wrestler's symbolic sign of retirement.

Rulon was crying. Rulon's wife was crying. Rulon's coach was crying. The Iranian guy that Rulon beat was crying. And a few minutes later, a Russian would win the gold medal and he would start crying.

There were so many teary eyes, in fact, in the Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling finals Wednesday night, a gymnastics meet almost broke out.

"It was emotional for him, it was emotional for all of us," U.S. coach Steve Fraser said. "Rulon has done so much for Greco-Roman wrestling. He's won two gold medals, one at the Olympics and one at the worlds. He's been a great ambassador, not only for Greco-Roman but for all wrestling."

For Rulon, however — forever to be known as The Man Who Beat Karelin — the time has come to move on. A man only has so many toes.

And with an Olympic bronze medal in the 120-kilogram class, Gardner turned the page Wednesday on his competitive wrestling career.

He has a bride waiting for him. And a ranch in Utah. And probably a million or so kids, ready to listen to Rulon's inspirational story.

Four years ago, he beat the unbeatable.



Rulon Gardner won bronze in a year in which he lost a toe to frostbite and had a motorcycle accident.

AP

Russia's Alexander Karelin hadn't lost a super-heavyweight Olympic bout in 12 years, until Gardner upset him in the gold-medal final in Sydney.

Rulon could have retired right there. His place in U.S. Olympic history secured. But he had promised himself that he wanted to compete in two Olympics.

"I didn't want people looking on at it as a tarnished victory," he said about his final bout in Sydney.

His road to Athens, though, proved to be anything but routine.

He nearly lost his life in 2002 after becoming stranded in subzero temperatures while snowmobiling. The frostbite cost him a middle toe.

Earlier this year he survived a head-on motorcycle accident — with no helmet. And while playing a pickup basketball game, he severely sprained his right wrist.

"That's the thing," Fraser said. "He's

had to overcome such adversity. I mean, he was wrestling with nine toes."

Wrestling opponents began to exploit the fact that Gardner was missing a toe, plus had little or no feeling in the foot's other toes.

His balance was compromised, in a sport in which balance and leverage are vital.

His defeat in Wednesday's semifinals, Fraser felt, was caused in part by Rulon's bad toes. Georgi Tsurumia of Kazakhstan won a 4-1 overtime decision over Gardner, ending Rulon's gold-medal hopes.

"He off-balanced him," Fraser explained.

But Gardner came back in the night's bronze-medal match and defeated Iran's Sajad Barzi 3-0 in overtime.

Twenty minutes before the match, he had informed Gardner that the bout would be his last.

"At the Olympic trials, I truly began to understand what leaving your shoes on the mat meant," Gardner said. "To leave them on the mat, I thought, was appropriate because for all my career, I left everything on the mat."

He became an overnight celebrity that night in Sydney, four years ago. The media fell in love with him. He announced his engagement on "The Tonight Show." His ordeal in the mountains was a front-page story.

"You don't picture yourself as a celebrity, when you're down on the wrestling mat, all sweaty and tired," he said Wednesday, looking back. "But when it happens, you go from zero to 100 miles an hour."

"I hope that people who understand my story will understand that that's what the Olympic spirit is all about."

He wanted to prove to people that his night in Sydney was no fluke.

"Everybody looks at the gold medal as being everything," Fraser said, "but to come back and win any kind of medal, he's just done an amazing thing."

If Rulon was going to retire, Fraser told him to do it with dignity.

The match ended with Gardner and Barzi spinning off the mat, and Rulon ahead 3-0. The wrestlers shook hands, and Gardner made his way to the center of the empty mat. He sat on the center-circle and began unclipping his wrestling shoes. He started to cry. In the arena, his bride Lisa was crying, as was Rulon's family.

"You start your life, putting your shoes on as a 3- or 4-year-old kid, and I took them off tonight as a 33-year-old kid," he said. The entire arena — Americans, Russians, Swedes, even the now-retired Karelin — rose to salute Gardner as he walked off the floor for the final time.

"For me, it's pretty surreal," Rulon said. "You train your whole life to get here. For me to come back and win a medal, even though it's the bronze, I have no regrets."

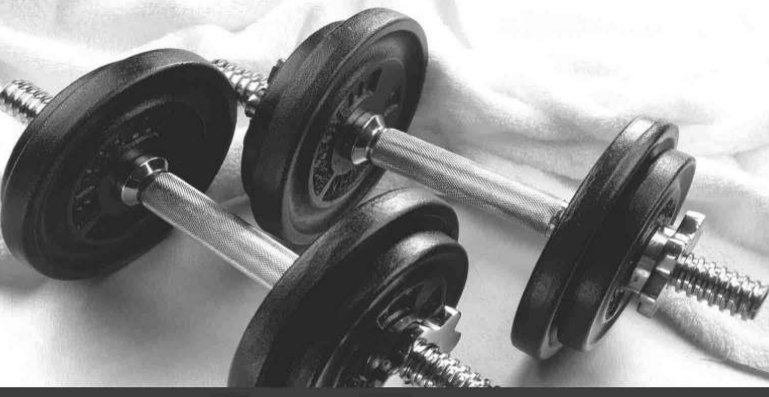
One mishap cost me the chance to wrestle for the gold, but I'm happy with the bronze and I'm ready to move on."

Gardner said that beyond the move to Utah, he has no idea what he's going to do next.

"Today I'm a wrestler and tomorrow I'm a husband," Rulon said.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

U.S. gets water polo bronze

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Melania Grego's lob goal in the waning minutes of the second overtime gave Italy a 10-9 come-from-behind victory over Greece for the Olympic water polo gold medal.

In bronze medal game, the United States beat Australia 6-5.

Ellen Estes scored three goals, including the tiebreaker in the final period after Australia rallied from a four-goal deficit.

Olympics medals roundup

The Australians edged the United States for gold four years ago.

Italy, which beat the United States with two seconds left to get to the final in Athens, kept up its heroics against the Greeks by rallying from two goals down in the extra periods to seal the victory.

With the game tied 7-7 at the end of regulation, Greece quickly sent the home crowd of 12,000 into delirium with a goal by Kyriaki Liosi 28 seconds into the first overtime. Alkaterini Oikonomopoulou added another to give the Greeks a 9-7 cushion that gave the flag-waving "Hellas" thinking gold and chanting "lift it up, lift it up," referring to the medal.

But the celebrations were premature.

Grego cut the margin to a goal and Tania di Mario pulled Italy level at 9-9 with nine seconds remaining in the first extra period.

Sailing

49er class: Iker Martinez and Xavier Fernandez of Spain lived up to their billing as favorites by winning the gold medal in the 49er class Thursday.

They finished seventh in the deciding 16th race aboard their fast skiff to win gold by five points over Rodion Luka and George Leonchuk of Ukraine, who took silver. Martinez and Fernandez won the world championships earlier this year.

Chris Draper and Simon Hiscocks got the bronze, the fifth medal for Britain at this regatta. Hiscocks won the silver medal at



American Thalia Munoz, left, blocks Australian's Kelly Heuchan (10) during the water polo bronze medal match. The United States won 6-5.

Sydney in 2000 with skipper Ian Barker.

Americans Tim Wadlow of Boston and Pete Spaulding of Miami, knocked out of medal contention on Tuesday, finished fifth.

Triathlon

Men: In a rare one-two finish for New Zealand, Hamish Carter powered away from teammate Bevan Docherty in the final kilometer to win.

Sven Riederer of Switzerland took the bronze.

Carter, 34, won his first major title, beating Docherty by 7.87 seconds after a grueling test consisting of 15 kilometers of swimming, a 40-kilometer cycling race and the closing 10-kilometer run under the blazing noon sun on a coastal stretch outside Athens.

In temperatures peaking at 86 degrees, Carter finished in 1 hour, 51 minutes, 7.73 seconds. He was back in 33rd place after the swimming portion but had the fastest time in cycling and fourth in the road race.

Taekwondo

Women's under 49 kg: Shih Hsin Chen got Taiwan's first gold medal of the Athens Games.

Chen beat Yanelis Yulit Labrador of Cuba 5-4. Yaowawa Boorapachai of Thailand got the bronze.

Men's under 58 kg: Mu Yen Chu won gold by beating Oscar Francisco Balcas of Mexico 5-1. Tamer Bayoumi of Egypt got the bronze.

Wrestling

Grecco-Roman Jung Ji-hyun of South Korea won the gold medal in the 60kg division, beating Roberto Monzon Gonzalez of Cuba.

Alexander Dokushivili of Uzbekistan claimed gold in the 74kg division, beating Marko Yli-Hannuksela of Finland 4-1, while Karam Ibrahim of Egypt defeated Ramaz Nozadze of Georgia for the 96kg gold.

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Olympics scoreboard

Thursday's scores

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| Water polo | |
| United States 10, Spain 94 | |
| Italy 8, Greece 7 | |
| Field Hockey | |
| South Africa 4, Spain 3 | |
| South Korea 3, Japan 1 | |
| Australia 3, New Zealand 0 | |
| Argentina 1, China 0 | |
| Gold Medal | |
| Germany 2, Netherlands 1 | |
| Soccer | |
| Germany 1, Sweden 0 | |
| Team Handball | |
| Women | |
| Angola 38, Greece 27 | |
| Quarterfinals | |
| Ukraine 25, Spain 7 | |
| France 25, Hungary 7 | |
| Volleyball | |
| Women | |
| Russia 3, Brazil 1 (19-25, 21-25, 25-22, 28-26, 16-14) | |
| Water Polo | |
| United States 6, Australia 5 | |
| Gold Medal | |
| Italy 10, Greece 9, 207 | |

Pentathlon

Men's modern pentathlon

After: Fencing, Shooting, Riding, Swimming, Modern Pentathlon Final

Andrius Stankunas, Lithuania (1009, 96, 1308, 1088, 1110, 5428, 773, 1030, 1080, 5296)

Denis Cerkovnik, Latvia (1096, 916, 1292, 1040, 1080, 5296)

Michael Melnik, Belarus (1184, 692, 1088, 1144, 1040, 5296)

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3. Julia Pakhalina, Russia (4, 237.42; 2, 373.20; 610.62)

Gymnastics (rhythmic)

1. Alina Kabaeva, Russia, 53.200.

2. Irina Chizhikova, Russia, 52.190.

3. Anna Besonova, Ukraine, 52.670.

4. Yana Vasyunova, Kazakhstan, 51.950.

5. Natalya Gidukova, Ukraine, 51.820.

6. Elena Artyukhina, Ukraine, 50.775.

7. Anna Chiriac, Romania, 49.870.

8. Irina Chizhikova, Russia, 49.775.

9. Katerina Pliakova, Israel, 48.425.

10. Zornitsa Stoyanova, Czech Republic, 45.750.

11. Mary Sanders, United States, 44.500.

12. Yekaterina Kravtchenko, Russia, 44.200.

13. Zhanna Zhuravskaya, Azerbaijan, 46.300.

14. Anna Gorgunova, Azerbaijan, 46.300.

15. Irina Chizhikova, Russia, 45.775.

16. Katerina Pliakova, Israel, 48.425.

17. Zornitsa Stoyanova, Czech Republic, 45.750.

18. Mary Sanders, United States, 44.500.

19. Yekaterina Kravtchenko, Russia, 44.200.

20. Zhanna Zhuravskaya, Azerbaijan, 46.300.

21. Stephanie Sanders, South Africa, 37.075.

22. Wania Monteiro, Cape Verde Islands, 36.600.

Wrestling

Grecco-Roman

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Crawford wins gold as U.S. men sweep 200

BY ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Shawn Crawford stood silently amid the Greek chorus of whistles and boos delaying his race. For four minutes, he fought to stay composed while rowdy fans chanted the name of their country and their disgraced sprinting star.

It made little difference to Crawford and his teammates, who finished 1-2-3 Thursday in the men's 200 meters on a big night for U.S. athletes before a restive crowd that came to see defending champion Kostas Kenteris and got an American sweep instead.

Crawford took the lead off the turn and finished in 19.79 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and a personal best. Bernard Williams tied his personal best of 20.01 seconds for silver. Justin Gatlin, the 100 champion, won bronze in 20.03.

"We're here at the birthplace of the Olympics, the defending Olympic champion is from

Greece and there were certain situations that didn't allow him to compete," Crawford said. "I can understand their feelings, I know they're disappointed, I know they're upset."

The crowd still cheered at the finish. It was the sixth time the United States has taken all three 200 medals; the last sweep was led by Carl Lewis in 1984.

And it gave the United States 18 track and field medals, just two behind the total from Sydney, with the relays and several other events still to come. Russia is next with nine medals.

Dwight Phillips added to the U.S. haul, leading a 1-2 American finish in the long jump with NCAA champion John Moffitt taking silver. In the first round of the 400-meter relay, Marion Jones ran the second leg as the U.S. team's 41.67 matched its own best time in the world this year.

Crawford and Williams were doing a victory lap, draped together in an American flag, when Phillips climbed the victory stand to

accept his gold medal. The sprinters stopped on the track as "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played. Williams put his right hand over his heart.

Olympic Stadium was packed, largely because Greeks thought they would be watching Kenteris, who withdrew from the Athens Games after missing a drug test.

The start of the 200 was delayed four minutes while spectators whistled in derision and chanted "Kenteris" and "Hellas, Hellas" — the Greek word for Greece. They booed loudest when the Americans were introduced.

Crawford, a flamboyant personality who had showboated mercilessly in earlier heats, was musically subdued after the finish.

His victory gave controversial coach Trevor Graham a sweep of the men's short sprints. Crawford and Gatlin are training partners under Graham, who acknowledged on the night of Gatlin's 100-meter victory that he was the coach who sent a syringe of a mystery steroid to authorities last year, fueling the drug scandal that has swept the sport.



Shawn Crawford won the 200 meters Thursday in a personal-best 19.79 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

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Phillips won the long jump with a leap of 28 feet, 2 1/4 inches on his first attempt. Moffitt won silver at 27-9 1/2. Joan Lino Martinez of Spain took the bronze medal.

Felix Sanchez won the Dominican Republic's first Olympic gold medal, capturing the 400-meter hurdles in more of a coronation than a triumph. Sanchez has not lost in more than three years, winning two world championships and dominating his event more than any other track athlete.

Sanchez, born in New York and raised in San Diego, won in 47.63.

Danny McFarlane of Jamaica took silver in 48.11 and Naman Keita of France was third in 48.26. James Carter faded badly to fourth in the stretch and U.S. teammate Bennie Brazell was last.

In the 400-meter relay, Jones took the baton and sped down the straightaway. By the time she handed it off to 100-meter silver medalist Lauryn Williams, the United States was well on its way to winning the heat.

The race may have implications long after the Olympics. Jones is under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, and if she is found guilty of using banned drugs it could have an impact on any medal the team might win.

Jones has not been charged with doping and had repeatedly denied she ever used performance-enhancing substances. But her ex-husband, former shot putter C.J. Hunter, reportedly has told federal agents she used banned drugs before, during and after the Sydney Games.

USA Track & Field officials decided to use Jones despite the drug cloud surrounding her and the precedent of the Jerome Young case.

Young ran on the victorious 1,600 relay in Sydney after testing positive for steroids a year earlier. He was stripped of his medal in June and the world governing body of track and field has recommended that the entire U.S. team forfeit the gold.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Fab Five close careers with Olympic gold

Wambach header in OT pushes U.S. women over Brazil in soccer final

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When the final whistle blew, an exhausted Mia Hamm was quickly swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates.

A few minutes later, an Olympic gold medal was hanging around her neck, too.

Hamm and the rest of the Fab Five had just enough left in their thirtysomething legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 Thursday in overtime in their final tournament together.

"I can't think of a better group of players that I'd want to stand out there and compete with," Hamm said. "They carried me to tonight, that's for sure."

Mia Wambach, the player who might breathe Hamm's records one day, scored in the 112th minute with a powerful 10-yard header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly. It was Wambach's fourth goal of the Athens Games and 18th in her past 20 games.

The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international matches.

Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett are retiring, and the national team — although they might play in some farewell exhibitions this fall — leaving Lilly



USA's players, from left: Shannon Box, goalkeeper Kristin Luckenbill, Cindy Parlow, Kate Markgraf and Kristine Lilly celebrate their 2-1 overtime victory over Brazil in the gold-medal match on Thursday.

and Brandi Chastain as the last of the old guard. Hamm plans to start a family with her husband, Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

"I talked about feeling good about where I was in my life, and this a great way to end it," Hamm said.

The retiring players left happy with the final result, but they might never want to watch a replay of a game that showed that it's perhaps time to hang it up.

Maybe they were trying too hard, but the Americans were slower, less organized, less creative and lost the chase to most of the loose balls against the young Brazilians, who hit the post twice late in regulation and weren't

afraid to shove the U.S. stars around.

"We were bending, but we weren't breaking," goalkeeper Briana Scurry said. "They were throwing the kitchen sink at us, but I knew we had the heart to win it."

Hamm was a nonfactor, unable to find space to make the kind of runs that made her famous. She had no legs left in the overtime of the 26th game of a 17-year career that included a world-record 153 goals.

The U.S. team was rescued by Wambach, some great saves from Scurry and a goal from Lindsay Tarpley, one of two college players on the team, in the 39th minute.

"Tarp and I, it's the least we

can do for the women who have meant so much to us," Wambach said.

Preinha scored for Brazil in the 73rd off a rebound.

After the game, the team took a victory lap, waving flags to the crowd of 10,416 at Karaiskaki Stadium.

Hamm clenched her fists under her chin and looked to the sky with teary eyes after arriving behind the podium for the medal ceremony. Foudy, Fawcett, Hamm, Lilly and Chastain stood together at the far left — making them first on their team to receive medals. Hamm blew a kiss to the crowd when her name was announced.

Foudy smiled and helped lead the fans in a chant of "U.S.A."

Brazil received its first women's soccer medal after finishing fourth in the past two Olympics. Germany, which beat Sweden 1-0 in the third-place game, took the bronze.

The win helped erase the sting of the loss to Norway in the gold-medal game in Sydney four years ago and a third-place finish in last year's World Cup. In the 1990s, the United States ruled women's soccer, but the other teams have caught up over the past five years.

United States 2, Brazil 1 (OT)

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First Half — 1. United States, 1; Brazil, 0.

Second Half — 2. Brazil, Preinha, 73:00.

Overtime — 3. United States, A. Wambach, 112:00.

Yellow Cards — Formiga, Brazil, 18:00; Monica, Brazil, 45:00.

Referee — Jenny Palmqvist, Sweden; D. G. Smith, England; G. P. Parvainen, Finland; Nelly Viennot, France.

Russian wins men's modern pentathlon

BY NAOMI KOPPEL

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andrey Moiseev of Russia won the gold medal in the men's modern pentathlon Thursday, the first major victory of his career.

Moiseev won two of the five disciplines by large margins and held off the field in the final 3-kilometer run under the searing Athens heat. He carried the Russian flag with him as he completed the last lap.

World champion Andrejus Zadneprovskis of Lithuania won the final event to move up from sixth place to take the silver medal, while Libor Capalini of the Czech Republic took bronze.

"The gold is the ultimate goal for any athlete and I made it," said Moiseev. "I didn't have good shooting results, but as I haven't had any good shooting results all season, it didn't matter."

"I had enormous faith in myself. I was nervous for it from the 19th meters" of the run, he said.

Moiseev, 25, is ranked 10th in the world and was seventh in the World Championships in Maastricht.

Capalini was astonished to win bronze after finishing 13th in the opening shooting discipline and 19th in fencing.

"I was nervous about many mistakes and still come away with a medal — I didn't expect that," the Czech said. "It was a special race. Everybody has their own mistakes, so my shooting mistakes didn't matter too much."

Moiseev, too, had to come back after finishing 19th in the shooting, which was won by Dmytriy Melakh of Belarus.

But he won three more bouts than any other competitor in the round-robin fencing competition, and was more than three seconds ahead of his nearest rival in the 200-meter swim.

He was lucky to survive the unpredictable show jumping round, where competitors must compete on horses provided by the organizers, and draw lots to decide which horse they will get.

Moiseev had six gates down, but that was nothing compared with those behind him.

Fourth-place Rusten Sabirukhovich of Russia had three refusals; Dennis Cerkovskis of Latvia knocked down seven gates to lose third; and, as Mark Horbecz of Poland retired after his horse had refused six times. He finished the competition 32nd and last.

Poland's second competitor, Andrzej Stefanek, had similar problems, and finished 30th.

World No. 1 Gabor Balogh of Hungary finished ninth thanks to his second place in the show jumping. The gold medal favorite was 17th in shooting and 21st in swimming.

Army 1st Lt. Chad Senior, a member of the World Class Athlete Program, finished 13th overall.

Spain: Shots start to drop for U.S. men in quarters

SPAIN, FROM BACK PAGE

Argentina defeated Greece 69-64 in Thursday's last quarterfinal. The other semifinal was Lithuania, which defeated China 95-75, Puerto Rico, which downed Puerto Rico 83-70.

Marbury's six threes broke the record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). The Olympic record is 55 points by Oscar Schmidt of Brazil against Spain in 1980. The record for any U.S. player is 35 by Lisa Leslie against Japan in 1996.

Allen Iverson added 16 points, making three three-pointers, and the Americans finally resembled U.S. teams from the past three Olympics. They didn't get rattled by a large disparity in fouls as they knuckled through their free throws to maintain the lead in the final two minutes, and they topped 100 points for the first time in the tournament.

The Americans finished 12-for-22 on three-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five games.



U.S. basketball coach Larry Brown, left, is confronted by Spain's coach Mario Pesquera, right, at the conclusion of Thursday's game. At center is U.S. assistant coach Gregg Popovich.

"We've been playing against so much noise, it doesn't really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We're starting to like playing against zones."

Marbury had struggled the most in the team's first five games, uncomfortable with Brown's insistence that a point guard should run the offense rather than score. Historically, a short-first, pass-second player, Marbury's mind-set was fundamentally at odds with his coach's.

"Playing under coach Brown is not easy," Marbury said. "It's tough because he demands so much from you — to try to play your game and try to do what he wants, and have that all combining in one has been a challenge to me. But it's been a great challenge."

Gasol led Spain with 29 points but was held to just four in the fourth quarter by a tenacious American defensive effort, which quelled a crowd of 14,500 that included Spain's King Juan Carlos.

"I was said that the public supports the weaker team. I think in this case the public was solidly behind the stronger team because we were the stronger team," said Pesquera, who also complained that the officials allowed the Americans to get away with traveling violations.

"I think this game was played under NBA rules, not FIBA rules," he said.

Several Spanish players threw their hands up and stared at the American bench in disgust when Brown called his late timeout.

Pesquera wasn't buying Brown's explanation.

"I tried to apologize, I tried to

explain, and he kept saying something about the NBA. I would never try to embarrass anybody," Brown said. "Hopefully I'll learn to handle these situations, which are new to me, a little bit better."

Tim Duncan scored the Americans' first five points and blocked Spain's first shot, but he was on the bench just 4½ minutes into the first quarter and stayed there for the rest of the half after picking up two fouls.

In a sevens second quarter, the Americans went ahead by eight points, feeding off the defensive energy of Dwyane Wade, before Spain rallied with an 11-0 run.

A 7-0 run by Spain tied the game late in the third quarter, but Carmelo Anthony ended the period with a three-point shot to put the Americans up 74-67. Marbury's last three-point provided a seven-point cushion, with 3:45 left, and Gasol didn't score his first points of the fourth quarter until 2:02 remained.

"I'm not exhausted, I'm hurt because there was a big chance for our team to make a statement," said Gasol, who played all 40 minutes. "We deserved better. We're out, and it hurts to say that."

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

| | East Division | W | L | Pct | OB |
|-----------|---------------|----|-----|------|----|
| New York | 78 | 48 | 630 | .510 | 1 |
| Boston | 75 | 53 | 609 | .559 | 2 |
| Tampa Bay | 69 | 65 | 595 | .513 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 53 | 74 | 417 | .425 | 4 |

| | Central Division | W | L | Pct | OB |
|-------------|------------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Minnesota | 71 | 55 | 563 | .561 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 64 | 58 | 560 | .529 | 2 |
| Chicago | 61 | 61 | 492 | .9 | 3 |
| Detroit | 56 | 66 | 475 | .489 | 4 |
| Kansas City | 44 | 78 | 355 | .361 | 5 |

| | West Division | W | L | Pct | OB |
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| Oakland | 53 | 57 | 519 | .478 | 1 |
| Anaheim | 73 | 54 | 575 | .571 | 2 |
| Seattle | 67 | 49 | 568 | .507 | 3 |

Wednesday's games
 Boston, Chicago Yankees 3
 Detroit, Chicago White Sox 4
 Anaheim, Texas 5
 Tampa Bay, Seattle 5
 Oakland, Baltimore 0

Thursday's games
 Baltimore at Oakland
 Detroit at Boston
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
 Minnesota at Seattle
 Kansas City at St. Louis

Friday's games
 Detroit (Marlin) 10-9 at Boston (Lowe 11-10)
 N.Y. Yankees (Loriano 9-7) at Toronto (Miller 2-7)
 Chicago White Sox (Garcia 10-10) at Cleveland (Gallagher 8-9)
 Baltimore (Bedard 5-4) at Texas (Ericke 11-10)

Saturday's games
 Kansas City (Gronke 6-9) at Seattle (Eckstein 4-0)
 Minnesota (Radke 9-0) at Anaheim (Seale 10-9)
 Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 8-12) at Oakland (Hendrickson 9-10)

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Wild about Sammy

Sosa's 29th homer helps Cubs keep wild-card lead; Padres remain two back after 4-game sweep of Mets

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers in a five-run third inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 8-3 Thursday for their fifth straight victory.

Mark Prior (4-3) needed 116 pitches to get through six innings, but got his first victory in three weeks. He gave up seven hits, including Jeff Bagwell's 19th homer, and escaped a second-and-third, no-outs jam in the sixth.

Leading the NL wild-card race, the Cubs won for the ninth time in 12 games. The loss was just the third in 11 games for the Astros, who fell seven games behind the Cubs.

Nomar Garciaparra went 2-for-5 with an RBI while his wife, Mia Hamm, played for the U.S. women's soccer team in its 2-1 win over Brazil in the gold-medal game of the Athens Olympics.

"Nomar, we have one for the family," Hamm said on the live telecast after the game.

Carlos Beltran homered for the fourth straight game, a solo shot off Jon Lester in the seventh. Beltran has 33 homers, 18 since the Astros acquired him from Kansas City on June 24.

Brandon Backus (1-2), who five days earlier shut out the Cubs for seven innings in his first major league start, gave up seven runs and nine hits in three-plus innings.

Sosa's 568th career homer was

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a three-run shot that landed just inside the right-field foul pole to give the Cubs a 4-2 lead and leave him one shy of his 10th straight 30-homer season.

Ramirez followed with a home run and added a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Michael Barrett's double, a single by Prior and an RBI single by Corey Patterson made it 6-2 in the fourth and chased Backe.

Padres 10, Mets 3: Adam Eaton (9-11) shut down New York through seven innings to win his seventh straight road start as San Diego completed a four-game sweep.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Mets.

Eaton (9-11) retired 19 of his last 21 batters for San Diego, which remained two games behind Chicago in the NL wild-card race. He allowed two hits over seven innings.

Steve Trachsel (10-11) retired his first 12 hitters before Phil Neri opened the fifth inning with a double. Sean Burroughs singled to short right field, and Kahil Greene hit a two-run double to left-center for a 2-0 lead. Eaton followed with a two-out double to score Greene.

In Thursday's NL games:

Giants 6, Marlins 5 (10): Florida's strategy of walking Barry Bonds to load the bases backfired

when reliever Rudy Seanez forced in the winning run by walking pinch-hitter A.J. Pierzynski on four pitches.

Bonds, who was intentionally walked three times, has 94 this season, 26 more than the previous major league record he set two years ago. He has 181 walks overall, 17 shy of his 2002 record.

Braves 8, Rockies 1: Chipper Jones homered twice and matched his career high with five RBIs for host Atlanta. Jones is batting .346 in August with 10 homers and 25 RBIs.

Pirates 2, Diamondbacks 1: At Pittsburgh, Jack Wilson and Jason Bay hit consecutive homers in the seventh off Randy Johnson (12-12), who pitched a three-hitter for his fourth complete game but lost. He struck out 11 and walked none.

Cardinals 6, Reds 5: Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds hit two-run homers and pinch-runner Reggie Sanders scored the go-ahead run for host St. Louis in the ninth on a wild pitch by Joe Valentine (1-2).

Expos 6, Dodgers 3: Brian Schneider broke a 3-3 tie with a three-run homer in the sixth at Montreal, which connected four times off Jose Lima (11-4). Brad Wilkerson hit a leadoff homer in the first, and Tony Batista and Juan Rivera also homered.

Padres 4, Mets 0: Brian Lawrence (13-10) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first and pitched a six-hitter for his second straight complete game. Host New York has lost four in a row.



San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy, left, greets Sean Burroughs (32) after he scored a run on Khalil Greene's fifth-inning, two-run double against the New York Mets. San Diego won 10-3 to complete a sweep of a four-game series at New York's Shea Stadium.



Anaheim's Jeff DaVanon doubles in two runs in a 21-6 victory over Kansas City on Wednesday night. DaVanon hit for the cycle, the sixth player to accomplish that feat in the majors this season.

DaVanon hits for cycle in rout of Royals

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jeff DaVanon walked to the plate in the seventh inning, fully aware that he was a home run away from history.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't know," the Anaheim Angels outfielder said.

DaVanon sent a pitch from Scott Sullivan over the right-field wall, becoming the first Angels player in 13 years to hit for the cycle in a 21-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday night.

DaVanon hit a two-run double in the third inning against Mike Wood (2-6), a triple in the fourth, an RBI single in the fifth and a leadoff homer in the seventh to become the fourth player in club history to hit for the cycle.

"This is a very special night," said DaVanon, who kept the line-up card that was taped to the dugout wall. "This was definitely one thing I've tried to achieve in my career. I know that was very hard to do. I had one in A-ball, but it doesn't really count, I guess."

It was the first by an Angels player since Dave Winfield at Kansas City on June 24, 1991.

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Jim Fregosi did it twice and Dan Ford also accomplished the feat.

"(Teammate) Robb Quinlan told me, 'You've got to go for it,'" DaVanon said. "So I swung as hard as I could and it worked out. It's kind of like a no-hitter, so other than that, nobody really said anything."

DaVanon, who drove in four runs, is the sixth player to hit for the cycle this season, joining Milwaukee's Chad Moeller, Pittsburgh's Daryle Ward, Philadelphia's David Bell, the New York Mets' Eric Valent and Texas' Mark Teixeira.

DaVanon wasn't the Angels' only offensive star. Jose Molina hit his first career grand slam, and Garret Anderson had five RBIs and three hits, including a three-run homer. Darin Erstad and Vladimir Guerrero had three hits each, and Erstad scored four runs.

"This is the first time we've been beaten like this year," Royals manager Tony Pena said.

"If they if we bounced the ball up there, think they still would have hit it. It's why they're in first place and we're in last place."

Ramon Ortiz (5-7), who recorded back-to-back victories for the first time in 13 starts this season, allowed six runs and 12 hits in six innings.

Wood gave up eight runs, six hits and three walks in 3 1/3 innings.

In other AL games Wednesday:

Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 5: David Ortiz homered twice and drove in four runs in support of Curt Schilling (16-6). Manny Ramirez hit his AL-leading 34th homer and Orlando Cabrera also went deep as the visiting Red Sox cut the New York Yankees' AL East lead to 5 1/2 games.

Schilling and Oakland's Mark Mulder (17-4) are the only AL pitchers with 16 or more victories. Schilling allowed one run and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings with nine strikeouts.

Indians 4, Yankees 3: Coco Crisp dove head first for a go-ahead bunt single in the eighth that helped end the host Indians' nine-game losing streak.

Cleveland trailed 3-2 when Tom Gordon (6-4) walked Ben

Broussard and Casey Blake to start the eighth. Jody Gerut sacrificed both runners over and Ronnie Belliard's sacrifice fly tied it. Crisp then laid down a drag bunt past Gordon, driving head first to barely beat second baseman Enrique Wilson's throw.

Athletics 3, Orioles 0: Marco Scutaro hit a three-run homer off B.J. Ryan (3-4) with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, sending the A's to their third straight win and handing Baltimore its season-high ninth loss in a row.

Tigers 5, White Sox 4: Marcus Thames drove in three runs, Nate Robertson (11-7) allowed one run and eight hits in eight innings and the host Tigers sent Chicago to its sixth loss in seven games.

Twins 8, Rangers 5: Minnesota's No. 9 hitter, Luis Rivas, had a double and triple off Ryan Drees (11-7), then homered against Carlos Almanzar in the eighth.

Devil Rays 6, Mariners 5: Aubrey Huff drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI groundout in the ninth and visiting Tampa Bay completed its first series sweep of the Mariners.

Seattle (46-79) fell a season-long 33 games under .500 and was swept for the 10th time.

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No reign for Spain

Marbury scores
U.S.-record 31
in quarterfinal
win over top seed

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Written off after their opener and branded failures back home, Stephon Marbury and the Americans are showing signs that they just might be the team to beat after all.

For a change, the face of frustration belonged to someone other than an American after Marbury's performance. He set a U.S. men's Olympic record with 31 points and broke the team mark with six three-pointers, leading the suddenly accurate Americans into the semifinals with a 102-94 victory over Spain on Thursday.

In a game that ended with the opposing coaches swearing and pointing at one another, the United States finally started hitting jump shots — just as Larry Brown predicted.

"They were very good on threes. That was something new in this tournament," Spain's Pau Gasol said. "They looked motivated, and it'll be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

After spending 90 minutes practicing jumpers in an empty gym on a day off, Marbury made half of his team's 12 three-pointers and was a big reason why the previously undefeated Spaniards are now out of medal contention.

As the teams left the court, Spanish coach Mario Pesquera and Brown had to be separated by their assistants in an argument over a timeout Brown took with 23 seconds left and his team up by 11 points.

"I had — and I stress the word 'had' — a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain that he tried to rescind the timeout. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that."

Marbury scored just 21 points in his team's first five games, missing 24 of 30 shots. The Americans lost two of them, to Puerto Rico and Lithuania.

But those struggles are in the past, and the Americans now have a chance to win the gold medal. Next up is a semifinal Friday against Argentina, which in 2002 became the first team to defeat a U.S. squad comprised of NBA players.

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Spain's Pau Gasol, left, attempts to dunk as Tim Duncan of the U.S. defends in this photo taken through the backboard during Thursday's men's basketball quarterfinal in Athens. Gasol led Spain with 29 points, but was held to four in the final quarter as the U.S. won 102-94.

Medal count

Leaders after 236 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Thursday, Aug. 26.

| Country | G | S | B | Total |
|---------------|----|----|----|-------|
| United States | 28 | 31 | 24 | 83 |
| Russia | 15 | 19 | 23 | 57 |
| China | 26 | 17 | 12 | 54 |
| Australia | 16 | 11 | 16 | 43 |
| Germany | 10 | 11 | 14 | 35 |
| Japan | 15 | 9 | 10 | 34 |
| France | 10 | 7 | 10 | 27 |
| Britain | 7 | 8 | 10 | 25 |
| Italy | 9 | 6 | 8 | 23 |
| South Korea | 7 | 10 | 5 | 22 |

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U.S. women beat defending champ Australia for water polo bronze

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NASCAR veteran
Martin still finds
racing rewarding

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announces
he'll report to
Raiders camp
next week**

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**Texas advances
to U.S. final
in Little League
World Series**

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